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THE KING SPENDS QUIET DAY.

CONDITION REMAINS UNCHANGED.

BULLETINS TAKEN TO SHOW DEFINITE UPGRADE.

GROWING CONFIDENCE.

London, Jan. 8. Though no bulletin was issued, it was given out at Buckingham Palace this morning that the King had spent a fairly comfortable night, and that his condition remained about the same. The King's doctors have made it clear that they are satisfied with the progress His Majesty is making at this stage of the illness since no bulletin was issued until 8.15 p.m. when the following notice was exhibited on the railing of the Palace:

"The King has had a quiet day. The condition of His Majesty remains unchanged. No bulletin will be issued until to-morrow evening."

(Signed) Stanley Hewitt, Dawson of Penin.

With the exception of Christmas Day and Boxing Day this is the first week-day on which no bulletin has been issued in the morning. It is taken as a good sign.

Only two doctors, Lord Dawson and Sir Stanley Hewitt, were at the Palace to-night and a definitely more hopeful air now prevails.

On Upgrade?

The fact that the King's doctors have been unable to report any improvement in the King's condition for a period of practically forty-eight hours is the subject of some comment, but in authoritative circles, no importance is attached to this fact.

On the contrary, it is stated at Buckingham Palace that the fact that the King's condition is unchanged may be taken as a definite indication that His Majesty is on the upgrade. Exactly why this interpretation is placed on the bulletins is difficult to understand if their phraseology is to be taken literally; at the same time, the air of confidence in Palace circles is steadily increasing, and there can be little further doubt that the really difficult corner has been rounded.—British Wireless.

Unless His Majesty suffers a relapse, which is not out of the question, but is not regarded as likely in medical circles, a maintenance of the present progress will carry him steadily over the steep gradient of the illness within a few weeks.

Princess Mary Leaving.

London, Jan. 8. Princess Mary, Viscountess Lascelles, and Viscountess Lascelles, who have been staying at the Palace, are expected to leave for Goldborough Hall, Yorkshire, to-day.—British Wireless.

FLU' ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE.

NEW YORK ALARM AT THE SPREAD.

New York, Jan. 8. The record price of \$600,000 was paid to-day for a sent on the Stock Exchange.

It is interesting to note regarding the influenza epidemic in America that no fewer than fifty page-boys attached to the Stock Exchange have been stricken with the disease. Most desperate measures have been adopted to check its further spread.—Reuter's American Service.

CHILE VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS.

DEATH-ROLL EXPECTED TO BE THIRTY.

Buenos Aires, Jan. 8. The death-roll in the volcanic eruptions at Calbuco and Puyehue, in Chile, is expected to be about thirty. The disturbance is now subsiding.—Reuter.

COMING GENERAL ELECTION.

JUNE 13TH MENTIONED AS PROBABLE DATE.

DISSOLUTION IN MAY.

London, Jan. 8. The Date of the General Election, which must take place this year, as Parliament has entered the fifth and last year of its allotted span, is now the subject of general interest.

The new Register, with its addition of some five million women to the electorate, comes into force on May 1st, and it is anticipated that Parliament will be dissolved as soon after that date as possible. The Budget has to be passed, and, if the exigencies of other Parliamentary business permit, it is hoped in Government circles that the Dissolution may take place in the latter part of May. Friday, May 24th, is actually spoken of as a suitable date.

If this date were chosen, the General Election could take place on June 13th.—British Wireless. In addressing the annual conference of the London Labour Party recently, the chairman, Mr. T. E. Naylor, M.P., said that unhesitatingly they claimed their municipal victories to be a sign and portent of the greater success that would be theirs when the present Conservative Government made its appeal to the country. Labour's improving position was no mere swing of the pendulum. It was the permanent indication of a changed public opinion.

STRAITS SHIPPING DISPUTE.

UMPIRE'S AWARD IN FAVOUR OF ENGINEERS.

IMPORTANT FINDING.

Singapore, Jan. 9. In the dispute between the Association of Engineers and the Sarawak Steamship Company, the umpire has given his decision in favour of the engineers. The Company's service had been held up for some time in consequence of the engineers' resigning owing to their disapproval of the action of the Company in retaining a guarantee engineer on board the steamer Vyner Brooke in priority to the old staff. At a recent meeting of the Committee of the Association, instructions were issued to members on the Company's vessels to resign their ships under the condition that the engineer, in connection with whom the dispute arose, was suspended pending arbitration.—Our Own Correspondent.

GERMAN REPARATION PAYMENTS.

WHAT CREDITOR NATIONS RECEIVE.

Berlin, Jan. 8. The latest monthly statement issued by Mr. Parker Gilbert, the Agent General for Reparations, shows that out of 922,000,000 gold marks paid by Germany under the Dawes Scheme for the year ended December 31st, the British Empire received 164,000,000, France 354,000,000, the United States 27,000,000 and Japan 3,000,000. The total transfers were 720,000,000 marks, leaving a cash balance of 202,000,000 marks.—Reuter.

CHINESE COMMUNIST OFFICIALS.

ASKED TO REPORT TO KUOMINTANG.

Hankow, Jan. 8. It is understood that the Hupoh Kuomintang Department has requested the Hankow-Vuehang Branch Political Council to order all Government officials who have become members of the Chinese Communist Party to report to the Kuomintang Headquarters not later than 24th instant. It is believed that the action is in connexion with the coming election of delegates for the Third Kuomintang National Congress.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A SOLOMON.

WHITE-SPOTTED PIGS ON PARADE.

TWO VILLAGERS CLAIM THE SAME SOW.

COURT'S DECISION.

A further test has been carried out by the police in the case before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday brought to decide the ownership of a sow found in a Kowloon Tong villager's hut and claimed by another villager as his property.

When the case was called before His Worship this morning Mr. C. E. L. Grist appeared for the defendant. Sub-Inspector Houre, in evidence, said he went to defendant's hut where he found 34 pigs, 25 of which had a white spot on

SERIOUS RAILWAY SMASH.

Second in Gloucester in Three Months.

ONE KILLED; 15 HURT.

London, Jan. 8. A serious railway accident occurred in Gloucestershire late this evening, when a passenger express crashed into a goods train at high speed. The driver of the express was killed instantly, and fifteen passengers were injured. The accident occurred at Ashchurch, near Tewkesbury, within twenty miles of Cheltenham, where fifteen were killed and 30 injured in a collision in the middle of October. Two carriages of the express were overturned.—Reuter.

their foreheads similar to that mentioned by the complainant and his witnesses yesterday. Some of the pigs were small, while others were full grown. A visit was then paid to the complainant's hut, where witnesses found eight small pigs. Six of these also bore the white spot on their foreheads.

Identification Parade. He carried out an identification parade and the complainant, together with two witnesses, picked out the sow without hesitation. The defendant also identified the sow without hesitation. The man's wife, however, failed to pick out the pig, but his father after some hesitation recognised it.

His Worship remarked that he supposed the pig was fairly well known as it was in the Court compound yesterday.

Mr. Grist submitted that he had no case to answer. The sow was just as likely the property of defendant as complainant. The novel test carried out by the Police went, he thought, more in favour of his client.

Ingenious Scheme. His Worship said that with regard to the question of identification, the ingenious scheme of Inspector Houre—both sides seemed to have done fairly well, but his Worship noticed one thing. Whereas the pig had been in the defendant's possession since January 1, it had not, according to the defendant been in the complainant's possession at all. He could not see how the complainant could have been sufficiently acquainted with the pig to have identified it.

RUBBER WAR IN THE MAKING.

DUTCH BANKER'S VISIT TO UNITED STATES.

BRITAIN'S MONOPOLY.

London, Jan. 8. The possibility of a big struggle between Dutch and British rubber producers in the near future is envisaged by news from The Hague to the effect that the well-known Dutch banker, Heer K. M. Kloppeburg is planning to pay a visit to the United States shortly with a view to furthering Dutch interests.

It appears that Heer Kloppeburg is leaving for America in an attempt to secure support for the formation of an American-Dutch rubber trust company.

The aim of this company, should the mission prove successful, will be to make the American consumer and the Dutch producer independent of the British rubber monopoly.

It will be recalled that Heer Kloppeburg last year submitted a reorganisation proposal to the British and Dutch Colonial Offices and the Governor-General of the Dutch East Indies.

The new move follows the refusal of the Governor-General to participate in the scheme outlined.—Reuter.

NANKING OPIUM COMMITTEE.

CHAIRMAN MAY POSSIBLY RESIGN.

Nanking, Jan. 8. Mr. Chang Chi-kiang, the Chairman of the Nanking Opium Suppression Committee, has left for Peking to recuperate after his recent illness, and the Government has appointed Mr. Hsueh Tu-pi to act for him on the opium Committee during his absence. Mr. Hsueh Tu-pi is the Minister of Health. There are unconfirmed rumours that in consequence of annoyance over the recent opium scandal in Shanghai, Mr. Chang Chi-kiang intends to resign.

TOBACCO KING'S 'DEATH.'

THE LATE MR. BENJAMIN DUKE.

New York, Jan. 8. The death is announced of Mr. Benjamin Newton Duke, the millionaire tobacco manufacturer. The late Mr. Duke was born in Durham Co., North Carolina, in 1855, his father having been the founder of the American Tobacco Company. He was prominently associated with his brother, in the well-known tobacco firm of Duke Bros., and held directorships in railway, cotton, realty and banking concerns.—Reuter's American Service.

NAVAL MOVEMENTS.

H.M.S. CORNWALL DUE HERE ON MONDAY.

H.M.S. Cornwall left Shanghai for Hongkong on Tuesday, being due here on Monday. The cruiser will call at Amoy on the way down from Shanghai.

H.M. transport Neutrinia arrived at Singapore on Tuesday from Hongkong, sailing the same day for Colombo.

H.M.S. Concord arrived in Hongkong from Portsmouth this morning with reliefs for the China Station.

H.M.S. Petersfield left Hongkong for Canton this morning. else. In his Worship's opinion a man did not keep young pigs without keeping a sow. In convicting the defendant, his Worship said that he was convinced the sow belonged to the complainant. He was inclined to think that the pig went adrift and defendant yielded to the temptation of keeping it as he owned other pigs. He would give him the option of a fine of \$50. The alternative was one-month's hard labour. His Worship said that he was much obliged to Inspector Houre for the trouble he had taken in this case, which was a very difficult one.

CHIANG PRAISES JAPANESE.

MILITARY LESSON FOR CHINA.

LEADERS SHOULD SURRENDER THEIR AUTHORITY.

CENTRAL CONTROL.

Nanking, Jan. 2. Comparing the present military situation in China to the Shogunate system in Japan previous to the period of the Reformation at the accession of Emperor of Meiji, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, in an impressive speech delivered yesterday morning at the inauguration of the National Military Reorganization and Disbandment Conference, urged the country's foremost military leaders to follow the patriotic example of the Japanese Shoguns in surrendering their military authority to the

NEW I.-G. OF CHINESE CUSTOMS.

Mr. Edwardes' Resignation is Accepted.

MR. MAZE APPOINTED.

Shanghai, Jan. 9. A message from Nanking states that the Administrative Yuan yesterday afternoon decided to accept the resignation of Mr. A. H. F. Edwardes as Inspector-General of the Maritime Customs. It will be recalled that Mr. Edwardes recently sent in his resignation on the ground that conditions had been allowed to grow up in Shanghai which resulted in a form of dual control, this destroying the traditions, efficiency and discipline of the Service.

Mr. F. W. Maze, Commissioner in Shanghai, has been appointed Inspector-General in place of Mr. Edwardes.—Reuter.

Central Government for the cause of unification and centralization.

"Whenever we think of Japan," said Marshal Chiang, "we cannot help feeling indignant against her aggressions at our expense. I need not remind you that there is no use in our feeling indignant; we must find out why Japan is so much stronger than we are and how Japan effected her reforms which have to-day made her one of the foremost countries in the world."

Japan's Secret.

"The secret of Japan's success lies in her ability to unify and centralize her government power in building a sound foundation for her country."

After tracing the development of the Shogunate system to its submission to the Emperor at Kyoto, Marshal Chiang pointed out to his auditors that a comparison of the devotion of the Japanese feudal leaders to their Central Government since Emperor Meiji's reign with that of the Chinese military leaders since the Revolution in 1911 will suffice to explain why Japan progressed by leaps and bounds whereas China has become weaker and more disintegrated.

"Starting from Yuan Shih-kai who personified the Pei Yang spirit of militarism through Tuan Chi-jui and Wu Pei-fu down to the present time our military leaders have always aimed at personal ascendancy through militarism and feudalism, the territory of the Republic of China has always been regarded as being legitimate spoils for their personal armed contests. The minor military leaders soon followed the major militarists and formed cliques for their own benefit. Thus the confused situation became further confounded."

New Direction Urged.

"At this juncture of our national unification," Marshal Chiang

AFGHAN TROUBLES SETTLING.

BOMBARDMENT OF REBELS NORTH OF KABUL.

RETURNING NORMALCY

London, Jan. 8. Loyal Afghan troops are following up the rebel tribesmen according to an official telegram received by the Afghan Legation in London from Kabul.

It is dated yesterday afternoon, and states that Afghan artillery have resumed activities against the rebels in the Northern Provinces and have been bombarding their positions in the hills, eventually forcing a retirement further north.

It would seem from advices to hand that the rebels are beginning to disperse.

The situation in Kabul and the other provinces is now rapidly returning to normal.

The Governor of Jelalabad Province is continuing negotiations with the Shinwaris, and the discussions seem likely to reach a successful conclusion. A message from Peshawar announces the arrival of lorries and camel caravans from the Governor of Jelalabad, and this is taken as a definite indication that the roads are now safer. It is reported that Amanullah has agreed to abolish conscription, and to lift the ban on the entry of foreign mullahs.—Reuter.

FRENCH CLAIM TO IMMUNITY.

REJECTED BY AMERICAN FEDERAL COURT.

CHEMICAL FIRM CASE.

New York, Jan. 8. After protracted legal argument in the American courts, a decision unfavourable to the French Government has been given in the Federal Court in connexion with the important action instituted by the Department of Justice in 1927 against French and German chemical concerns.

It was alleged by the American Government that these firms had been formed for the sole purpose of gaining control of the distribution and the price of potash, the prosecution being launched under the Anti-Trust Laws.

When the case was first brought up, nearly two years ago, the French Government intervened on the ground that the French company concerned was largely owned by the French Republic, and that it was, therefore, immune from legal proceedings.

The Federal Court has now rejected the claim of the French Government in this respect and has decided that the case, as originally instituted, must proceed. The decision has excited much interest.—Reuter's American Service.

THE UNEMPLOYED RETURNS.

LATEST FIGURES SHOW AN INCREASE.

London, Jan. 8. The Ministry of Labour announces that the number of unemployed on December 31st was 1,520,700.

This was 249,578 more than on December 17th.

Compared with a year ago, the increase was 184,397.—British Wireless.

WHITE STAR LINE CHANGE.

HEADQUARTERS MOVING TO LONDON.

London, Jan. 8. The White Star Line announces that its headquarters will be removed from Liverpool to London.

The change is merely executive and will take place during the next few months.—British Wireless.

SECRET CONCLAVE AT SUNBURY.

SALVATION ARMY AND LEADERSHIP.

EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES TO BAR INTRUDERS.

RELATIVES OPPOSED.

London, Jan. 8. The first momentous meeting of the High Council of the Salvation Army was held at Sunbury-on-Thames to-day in most remarkable circumstances, a large force of police being at the scene, allowing no one to enter the grounds of Sunbury Court without a written permit.

As outlined in detail yesterday, the Council is drawn from all corners of the earth for the purpose of deciding whether General Bramwell Booth is physically fit in view of his illness to continue in leadership of the Army, and, incidentally, to consider the whole question of the control of the army with its world-wide organisation and its funds amounting to £20,000,000.

Under present conditions, General Booth is the sole trustee.

Member III.

It was an imposing gathering of sixty-three Commissioners from all parts of the globe, the sixty-fourth being absent through illness. All the delegates are pledged to secrecy. The challenge to the General's competence to continue in office has come from his sister, Commander Evangeline Booth, the head of the Salvation Army in the United States, and who has made more than one demand for the reform of the autocratic control of the Army, laid down by the Founder.

General's Protagonist.

General Bramwell Booth's daughter, Commander Catherine Booth, is his leading protagonist. The aunt and niece were the principal figures at the Council meeting, information concerning which is being given out by means of official communiques. One of these communiques states that the preliminary proceedings were conducted by Commissioner E. J. Higgins, the Chief of Staff, and that the Council had elected Commissioner Hay of New Zealand as its President.

Message to Southwold.

A message has been sent to General Booth by the High Council expressing love and sympathy. The General is remaining at Southwold, a small fishing village on the coast of Suffolk, where he has been staying ever since he was taken ill.

The proceedings opened with a hymn and prayer, and after the choice for President of the gathering had fallen on Commissioner Hay, an adjournment was taken for the consideration of resolutions which are to be presented.

Plans of Actions?

Commissioner Catherine Booth, the General's daughter, with some of the other delegates, left Sunbury Court, as the Salvation Army's Training Institute is known, for a small villa some little distance away to confer privately on the problems before the High Council. When the Council reassembled, similar precautions as earlier in the day were taken to ensure that no outsider should enter the place of the meeting.

What happened afterwards is not yet known, in the absence of any official announcement.

Not Allowed to Leave.

The Council in the evening adjourned until to-morrow. In the meantime, the delegates are not allowed to leave Sunbury Court.—Reuter and British Wireless.

SEEKING CANADIAN CO-OPERATION.

UNITED STATES AND THE VOLSTEAD LAW.

Ottawa, Jan. 8. The anti-smuggling conference between the United States and Canada opened at Ottawa to-day. America is represented by Admiral Ballard, who stated that the United States aims principally at securing Canadian assent to withhold clearance of liquor-laden vessels bound for American ports.—Reuter's American Service.

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NO SURPRISE.
THE RETIREMENT OF MR. EDWARDS.

The resignation of Mr. A. H. F. Edwards did not come to Chinese circles as surprisingly as it did to the foreign community, for it has been known for some time that a number of persons were interested in lessening the efficient management of the Customs administration for political reasons, says the N. C. D. News.

It is being freely stated that those who have been pressing for Mr. Edwards' dismissal, have for their object the political control of the Customs, so that when Chinese Commissioners are appointed in the various ports, this particular group of Nanking politicians will be in a position to manage the appointments and to turn it into a lucrative business.

Keep Out Politics.

From the very start, it is known that Mr. Edwards has had the full support of Mr. T. V. Soong, the Minister of Finance, who has steadily maintained that the Customs must be kept out of politics so that the credit of the nation may be maintained abroad. It was understood that when Mr. Edwards moved to Shanghai from Peking, Mr. Soong would in due course overcome the obstacles to decent administration placed in his way by a group of politicians who have managed, so far, to seize control of such organizations as the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company and other important national enterprises. They were apparently too strongly entrenched and Mr. Edwards was finally unable to consent to continue in a humiliating position, in which, every day, he saw more and more politics entering a service which should be wholly free of it.

In Chinese political and banking circles, it is being said very frankly that Mr. Edwards has brought the issue to a head, as to whether the Customs is to remain an independent administrative body, or whether it is to become polluted by politics. If his resignation is accepted, it will have to be taken that Mr. Soong has suffered a defeat at the hands of mercenary politicians who object to administrative integrity.

The Japanese Claim.

At the time when Mr. Edwards' appointment was before the Government some months ago, it was clearly known that although the Japanese were willing to recognize his appointment, in the event of a change of personnel, they would claim that the Inspector-General should be a Japanese subject because of the preponderance of Japanese trade and the most-favoured nation clause in their treaties. During the holiday season it has not been possible to obtain official confirmation as to whether this is still the Japanese attitude.

An Investigation.

Nanking, Jan. 8. In connexion with the resignation of Mr. A. H. F. Edwards, it is reported that the Chinese Finance Minister, Mr. T. V. Soong, will bring the matter up for discussion at the meeting of the Nanking State Council on Friday.—Wah Kiu Yat Po.

CHILDREN ABDUCTED.
FIVE MEN ON ROBBERY AND KIDNAPPING CHARGES.

Two incidents which occurred in the New Territories during the latter part of November and early December were recalled at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday when five men faced Mr. E. W. Hamilton on charges of armed robbery and kidnapping.

All five defendants were charged with complicity in an armed robbery committed at an unnumbered match at Kang Hau, Shatin District on December 9, and with forcibly abducting two children from the shed. The second and fifth defendants were further charged with being concerned in an armed robbery at Sheung Kwai Chung, in the Tsun Wan district, on November 26, but on the suggestion of his Worship this charge was made into a separate case which will be heard at a later date.

Outlining the facts of the first two charges, Inspector Fallon said that at about 1 a.m. on December 9 several men armed with revolvers and daggers forced an entrance into an unnumbered match at Kang Hau, in the Shatin district. At the time the shed was occupied by two men, three women and three children.

The inmates were tied up with wire and ropes. The robbers were assisted in their nefarious work by a number of torches made of bamboo poles dipped in kerosene. One of the men carried an electric torch. They remained in the hut for about 30 minutes during which time they stole various articles including a quilt. Before leaving they also took away two children, one a boy five years old and the other a girl four years old.

Nothing further was heard of the incident until about 1.30 p.m. on December 16 when, acting on information received, Mr. L. H. C. Calthorp, A.S.P. and Sub-Inspector Dick carried out a raid on the first floor of No. 606, Shanghai Street. On this floor the missing female child was found.

Several people were detained and detectives were posted on the floor to await the return of the principal tenant and his wife. Neither of the two returned that night but during the time that the detectives were on the floor the second, third and fourth defendants appeared and were arrested. The first defendant had already been arrested in Shanghai Street, having been pointed out to the police by the principal tenant's daughter, who was found at No. 606, Shanghai Street.

The first four defendants were the men who had taken the small child to the house.

On information volunteered by the second defendant the fifth defendant was arrested and at an identification parade he was recognised by one of the witnesses.

On the person of the third defendant the Police found a pawn ticket relating to the quilt which was stolen.

It was stated that the Police believed the boy who was kidnapped had been sold for \$250.

The case was adjourned.

RELIEFS FOR MINERS.
LORD MAYOR'S FUND NEW EXCEEDS £440,000.

London, Jan. 8. The Lord Mayor's Fund for the relief of distress in the mining areas now exceeds £440,000.

Many tons of clothing have also been contributed. Local organisations are busily engaged attending to necessitous cases.

The assistance given takes numerous forms. One example is that in response to a special request from the Premier, certain advertising, printing and paper organisations have agreed to a free display of 10,000 posters throughout the country appealing for public help. This gift alone represents £10,000.—British Wireless.

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Mr. J. R. Capell, chemist, who died at No. 3, Torres Building, Kowloon, on November 30, last year, left Hongkong estate worth \$18,000, in respect of which the widow, Mrs. H. N. Capell, of Torres Building, has been granted letters of administration with the will annexed. Mr. C. A. Mutton, who was appointed executor and trustee in the will, has renounced probate.

The testator bequeathed everything to the widow and directed that in the event of her death the money should be divided into equal shares among the four children.

CHINA'S ARSENALS.
RE-ORGANISATION ALONG MODERN LINES.

Nanking, Jan. 8. It is learned that a proposal has been submitted to the Disbandment Conference asking for a complete re-organisation of all the arsenals in China. If the suggestion is adopted all the arsenals will be instructed to stop working pending the re-organisation along modern lines, under the supervision of foreign experts.

The National Defence Conference will be convened immediately the Disbandment Conference has concluded its sittings. Among the principal issues to be taken up will be the re-organisation of China's naval and air forces.—Reuter.

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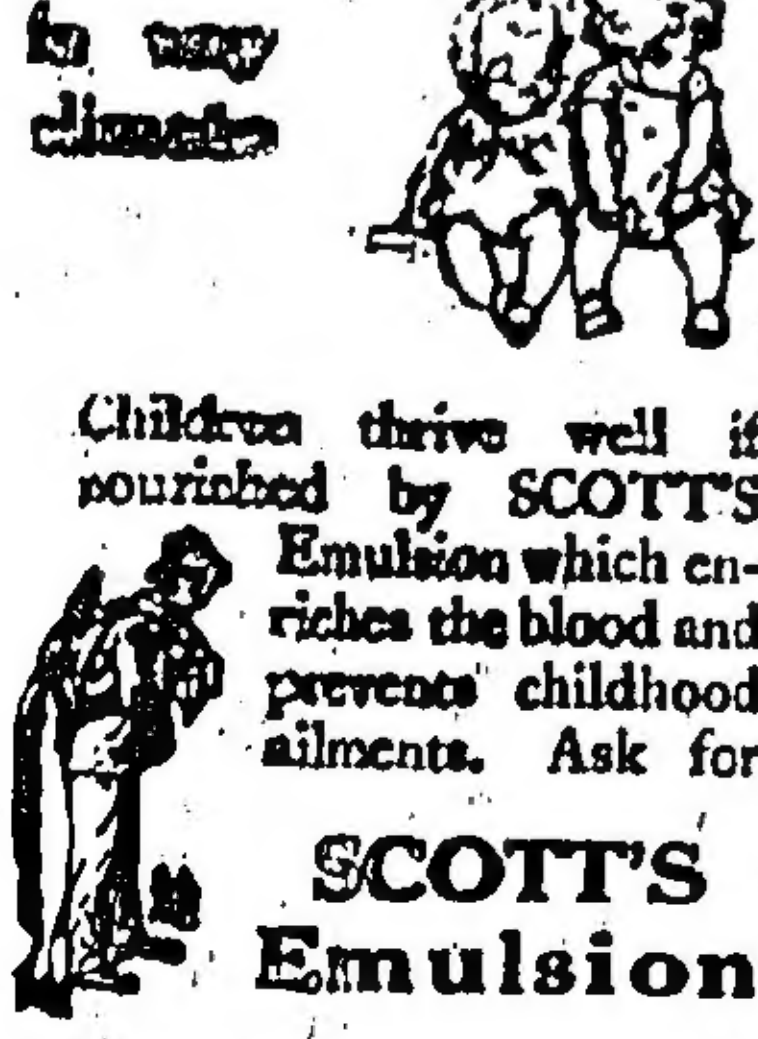
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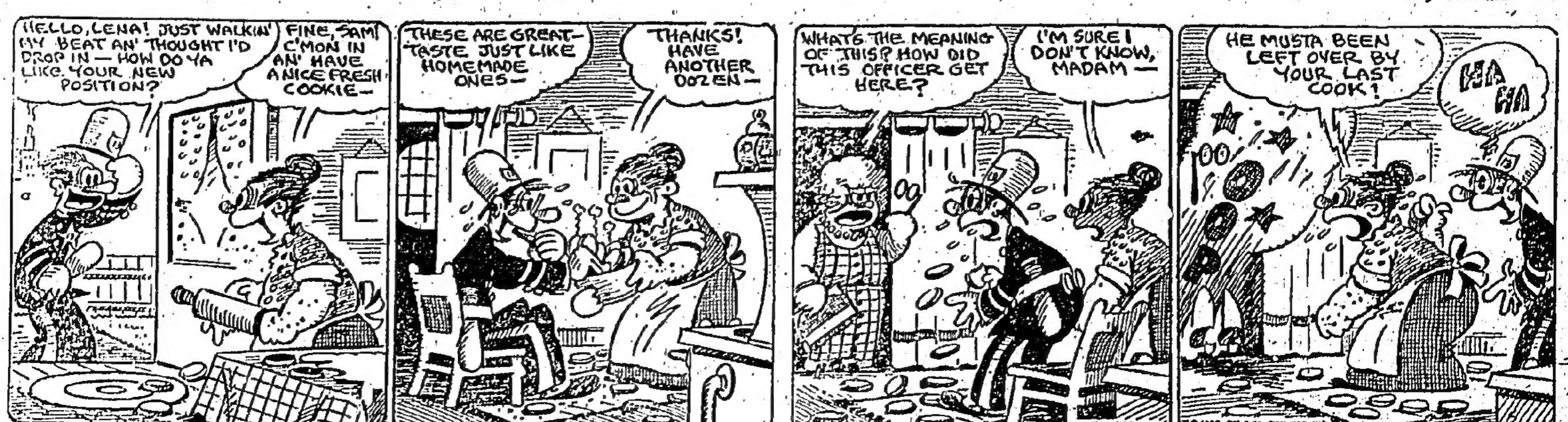
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A striking photograph of the field taking the water-jump in the Moderate Steeplechase at Newbury. The names of the leading horses are (left to right):—Kakushin, Royal Defence, Laurentum, Richmond II, (the winner), Ballus (the favourite), Beech-Martin (second), Colliery Band, and Redmayne. (Times copyright).



Mr. A. C. Pillsbury, the well-known American naturalist, who made the Flower picture is seen above feeding one of the wild deer in the Yosemite Park.



A merry bunch of guests at the Peking Rotary Club's Ladies' Night. Everyone expected it to read "Rotary."



A picture of Mirror Lake, an extinct volcano crater in the Yosemite Valley National Park in California where the majority of the scenes in the wonderful "Birth of a Flower" picture were taken.



Vice-Admiral M. M. Taylor, of the U.S. Navy, who took a conspicuous part in the Vestris rescue.



The course of the King's illness is being watched with the deepest concern throughout the Empire, the general anxiety being expressed by the numbers of people who assemble outside Buckingham Palace each day to read the bulletins one of which is shown in our illustration. (Times copyright).

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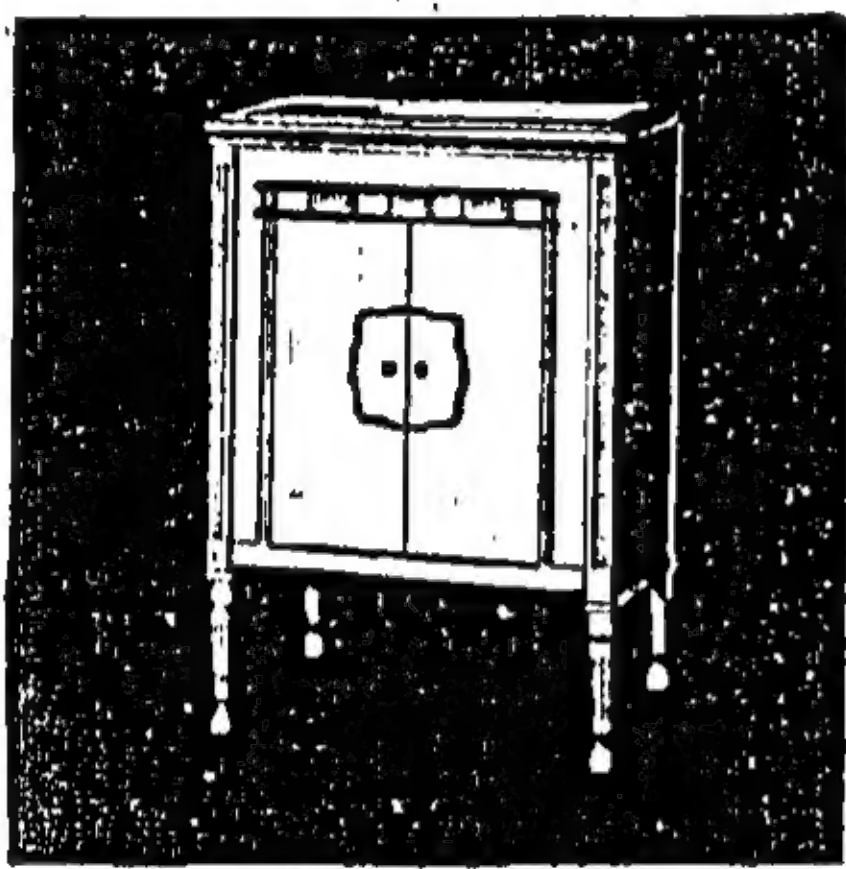
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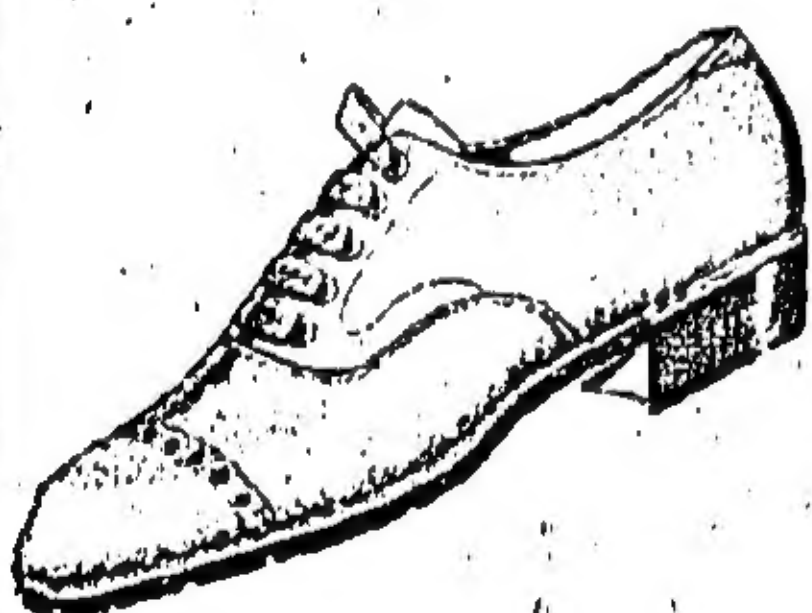


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MARRIAGE.

DUNSCOMBE—CORDAY.—On New Year's Day, 1929, at the Government Civil Hospital, Hongkong, by Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, William King, only son of Rev. T. N. Duncombe of Ackington Vicarage, Northumberland, to Kistina, only child of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Corday, Windsor. By special licence.

BIRTH.

NEWTON.—Dec. 2, at Tonbridge, to the wife of Dr. Newton, of Hongkong, a son.

DEATH.

SILVA.—Hilda Maria Silva, aged 12, died this morning at 8 a.m. at No. 16, Granville Road, Kowloon. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5.30 p.m. today. Shanghai papers please copy.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 9, 1929.

DICTATORS AND DEMOCRATS.

To the number of countries deciding to attempt the task of ruling the people without the aid of an elected Parliament must now be added Jugoslavina, where King Alexander has established himself in the position of an absolute monarch. If we look over the world to-day, we find quite a number of nations resorting to dictatorships, in which connexion the cases of Italy, Spain, Egypt and Turkey immediately come to mind. So that China is not alone amongst countries undertaking the government of the people without any form of popular representation. In view of modern tendencies in this direction, the question may be raised whether democracy has failed, but we venture the thought that to suggest that it has, is only to take a superficial view of the matter. It would probably be truer to say that those nations which do not enjoy the popular form of government are not fitted for it, and they have therefore to be content with autocratic rule.

An interesting discussion on the latter-day tendency towards dictators in politics and its bearing upon the principles of democracy has been started in an American newspaper by Mr. Sisley Huddleston, the well-known Paris journalist. He admits that the dictator and Parliamentary government cannot live together, but that, he contends, is not the same thing as a natural enemy

between a dictatorship and a democracy. Elaborating his point, he says that while a duly elected functionary has no need to keep in touch with the people or to retain their goodwill until the next election falls due, the dictator must maintain himself precariously if he does not correspond to a national need. Referring to modern dictators, Mr. Huddleston points out that they do not as a rule aim at kingship; they do not primarily consider their own interests, but the interests of the State. Mussolini, for example, may be an autocrat of the autocrats, but he has shown no sign of a desire to bequeath his power to his children—a temptation which proved too strong both for Cromwell and Napoleon. Possibly Mussolini has taken warning by the fate of his mighty prototype. Kingship in the old sense, Mr. Huddleston thinks, is discredited, and whilst the wholesale clearance of czars, emperors and kings from Northern and Central Europe as a result of the war may have left some slur on kingly institutions, it is difficult to imagine any diminution in the affectionate loyalty of the British Commonwealth of Nations for the present occupant of the Throne or for his successors. But, after all, the point must be kept in mind that Britain has long since passed the time when any monarch dreamed of exercising autocratic power. A recent reading of the life of Queen Victoria shows that she at one time actually threatened abdication if she could not get her way in national affairs, but eventually she was forced to bow to the rising power of a sane and determined democracy.

On the general question, Mr. Huddleston doubts whether human nature has changed so radically since the age of Caesar, Cromwell and Napoleon. If it has not, he asks how we can be certain that present-day dictators will continue to toe the line of civic virtue, and go on labouring unselfishly for the general good? Nay, who can say that a pure dictatorship, unalloyed by any thought of hereditary power, may in practice so endure? The dictator may be trusted implicitly so long as he lives, or retains his faculties. But who is to succeed him? That is perhaps the main problem for a conscientious heirless autocrat, who foresees at his death an interminable struggle for his place.

Mr. Henry Arthur Jones.

Lovers of the drama in every corner of the world will learn with the deepest regret of the death of Mr. Henry Arthur Jones. The author of over a hundred plays, many of surpassing merit, and all revealing the inimitable touch of his genius, the famous playwright probably did more than any man of his time to raise English drama. He ventured into the thorny paths of authorship at a time when the stage was rapidly entering upon a downhill gradient, and slowly built for himself an enviable position in the public esteem. His first plays were produced over fifty years ago, but their admirable construction gives them a great appeal even to-day. "The Silver King" brought him fame in a single night, and it was the fore-runner of many fine pieces that met with creditable success both in England and in America. Some of the most famous of his works were placed before the public by Sir Charles Wyndham, Sir Beerholm Tree and Sir George Alexander. His name was closely identified with a series of studies of English life which provoked admiration and criticism in equal quantities, but which definitely established Mr. Jones as a brilliant interpreter of his day. In the last few years of his life, he contributed little to the theatre, but interested himself in keeping drama alive in the English heart. Many will recall the splendid appeal he made some years ago to the English and American people, whose apathy, if not altogether hostility, to the theatre, led to the staging of farcical comedy and the like, to the exclusion of moral and intellectual drama. This probably accounted for his frequently indulgent views in polemics against the views of Mr. George Bernard Shaw. To the end, he was a strong advocate of a National Theatre, and the development of a serious, dignified art of the drama in Great Britain.

DAY BY DAY.

HE THAT SPARETH IN EVERYTHING IS AN INEXCUSABLE NIGGARD. HE THAT SPARETH IN NOTHING IS AN INEXCUSABLE MADMAN.—Lord Halifax.

There was no business of public interest at yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board.

An effective wall calendar and a useful pocket diary are to hand from the Asiatic Petroleum Company.

A branch of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China has been opened at Dairon, Dainy, South Manchuria.

Marshal Li Chai-sum has arrived at Nanking from Canton, thus completing the assembly for the Disarmament Conference.

From the American Express Company we have received an attractive and useful office calendar issued by the New York Central Lines.

With only five nationalities appearing in this morning's Harbour Office reports, of 13 arrivals and 16 departures, British held top place with 11 and eight, leaving 69 vessels in port, British 3.

A Chinese passenger by a.s. Sui An to Macao yesterday, jumped overboard at 9.30 a.m. when the vessel was in the vicinity of the Brothers. A search was made but his body was not recovered.

There were eight further cases of small-pox notified yesterday, all but one being from Victoria registration districts. One case each of diphtheria and typhoid fever were also reported. All were Chinese.

Sergeant Riddell applied to Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, for the confiscation of an automatic pistol and 67 rounds of ammunition which were found unclaimed by the chief officer of the a.s. Taima. His Worship made the necessary order.

Passengers arriving from Home by the Blue Funnel liner Sarpodon included Captain R. R. Featherstonhaugh, Mrs. Maas and children, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Adams, Mr. R. C. Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Bolitho, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Boyce, Dr. and Mrs. G. N. Davis and Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Harrison.

Property amounting to £32,003 6s. 10d. in England and \$20,600 in Hongkong was left by Sir Charles John Dudgeon, who died at San Remo, Italy, on January 23, 1928. Lady Isabelle Annie Dudgeon and the Marchesa Clara Alicia Cellia Rappini de Castel-Delfino, the widow and daughter respectively of Sir Charles, are now living at La Cereda Velate Varese, Italy.

At the instigation of the Kowloon-Canton Railway authorities, two Chinese were charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with being found in a covered wagon belonging to the K. C. R. It was stated that there was no suggestion that the men were there for any unlawful purpose, but the danger of fire led to the prosecution. Each defendant was fined \$10, or 14 days' hard labour in default.

Among the passengers leaving Hongkong on the President Taft yesterday were Mr. L. G. Brady, representative of the Oxford University Printing Press, returning to London via the United States; Mr. T. Chan, Miss Esther Chan, Miss Pansy Chan, Miss Myra Chan, local residents, travelling to Japan; Mr. W. K. Chang, President of the Linguam University, Canton, making a business trip to the North; Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Ender, travelling to Shanghai; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Shank, going to Shanghai.

Particulars have reached us of the Imperial Baby Week challenge shield competition organised by the National Baby Week Council. A handsome silver Challenge Shield is awarded for the best local Baby Week Campaign held throughout the Empire, exclusive of the British Isles. A baby week committee may be formed by any municipal or voluntary body for the purpose of organising a baby week in any geographical administrative area within the British Empire, including the Irish Free State, but excluding the British Isles. Any baby week committee so formed is eligible to compete for the Imperial Baby Week Challenge Shield. Entries must reach the National Baby Week Council, 117, Piccadilly, London, W. 1, England, on or before June 1, 1929.

CORRESPONDENCE.

BRIDGE PUZZLE.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—With reference to your Bridge Puzzle this evening, will you please explain what happens in the sixth trick if "East" discards two clubs and one spade?—Your, etc., Y.O.X.

Hongkong, Jan. 8, 1928.

[A study of this problem shows that if "East" discards the three cards named, "South" must lose the last trick. We cannot see how, as the author of the puzzle suggests, "South" can win three tricks in spades. The only way in which "North" and "South" can secure five of the six tricks is for "East" to discard the whole of his clubs, "South" thus being able to win the last three tricks with his ace and jack of spades and his nine of clubs.—Ed. H.K.T.]

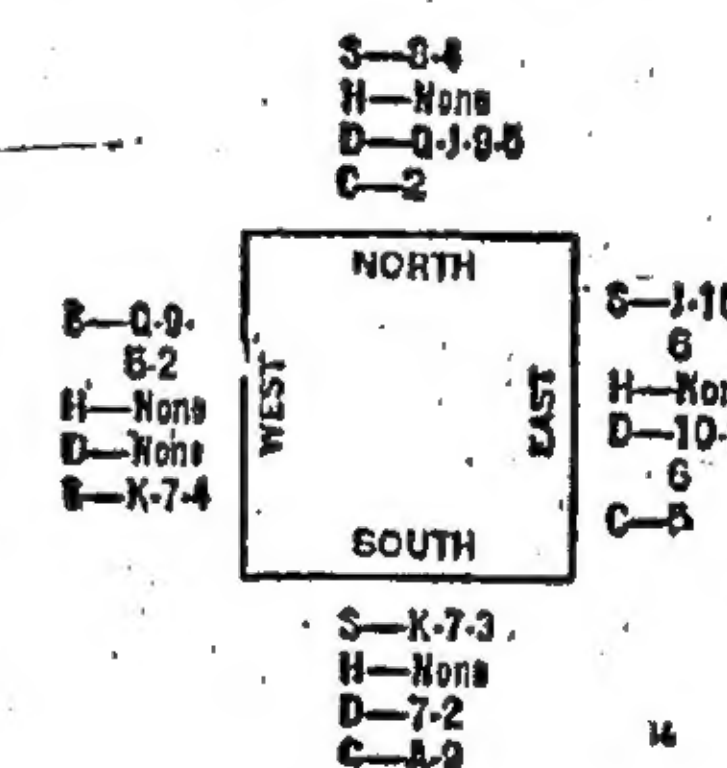
WAKE UP HONGKONG!

Sir,—In the past the Press has been so kind in drawing attention to the Aviation requirements of the Colony that I have little hesitation in requesting you to grant space to this letter. I thank you in anticipation.

Yesterday, there was published a report of the sale of ten British aircraft to the Canton Aviation Bureau. That was the best news I have had the pleasure of reading since I came to China. It interested me to such an extent that I took the trouble to look up my press cutting file, and discovered that many months ago I stated in an article that unless Hongkong speeded up the Chinese would start sound aviation before the Colony. They have now done so. I am not suggesting that I am a prophet, nor do I wish to draw attention to the fact that I made a shrewd guess, but I should like to draw attention to the painfully obvious fact that nothing has been done to further aviation in Hongkong.

If something is not done within the next few months, we shall be placed in the position of either having to encourage or shut-out commercial aviation that is organised and operated by the Chinese or some other nation. A nice state of affairs. In a few years' time, when travel by air is as common as by surface transport, I wonder how the British merchants will like having to send themselves and their important documents, to say nothing of their valuable goods, by air lines operated by foreign powers?—Yours, etc., R. VAUGHAN FOWLER.

BRIDGE PUZZLE



There are no trumps, and South has the lead. North and South must win five of the seven tricks, against a perfect defence.

Lay out the cards on a table, as shown in the diagram, and study the situation. See if you can find the method in which North and South can get five of the seven tricks.

The Solution.

This is a comparatively easy problem. But it points to a play of which few players take advantage, and yet which is bound to occur at least once in an evening of Bridge.

South leads a diamond, North playing low and East winning the trick. East's lead now is of little importance, since North and South are bound to win a spade trick, a club trick, and three diamond tricks. The play in particular, of course, lies in the first trick, since North, by playing low, simultaneously establishes the diamonds and insures a re-entry from the South hand. If North had played a high diamond, East and West would have easily defeated the problem.

When you intend to establish a suit, and you know you must lose a trick in it, be sure to lose the trick before your re-entry is destroyed.

The Very Idea!

Few Londoners are aware that they are liable at any moment to be called upon by the Bowyers Company to produce their long bows for inspection. The company have the right by an old Royal Charter to search all houses within a distance of three miles around "the Cattle of London," and, if "the householder and his family have not sufficient long bows, to fine and punish him."

Mr. H. E. Griffith, clerk of the company, remarked in an interview, that people need not be alarmed, for though they had the right of search, they did not intend to exercise it. "The Company of Bowyers," he said, "is one of the smallest of the livery companies, and is also one of the oldest. No one knows how long ago it was founded, but it was in existence before 1371. It was about this time that the Fletchers (arrow makers) Company separated from the Bowyers. It was decided about that date to limit the workmen's hours of labour "by reason that bowes," could not "in any manner be as well or as profitably made for the King and his people by night as by day."

"Most of our members are the descendants of the old bowyers who made bows, but none of us does so now. Archery is still fairly popular, and we give a prize each year at the Royal Toxophilite Society's competition. But," he added, "at Aldershot every year the cup of the ancient company is shot for with modern rifles."

Professor George Gordon, Oxford, who submitted the principal toast at the Edinburgh Sir Walter Scott Club dinner, displayed many flashes of humour in his speech. He said for instance—"Scott has taken his place among the natural forces of the world, like Homer, and Shakespeare, and the Atlantic."

Another was—"Scott was a type of Scot an Englishman could not really understand. He was homely and dreaming, which probably expressed the true character of the Scot, a mixture of fervour and oatmeal."

During evidence at a Safe-guarding Inquiry, held by the Board of Trade recently, it was stated that "There is a vogue for bathroom balances at the present time, because fashionable women weigh themselves morning and evening."

Brightly dawns another day. Full of healthful work and play. Baby, grip your rubber sponge, Brace yourself and take the plunge! For to-day, my bonny lad, You have folks to meet, egad! Faces that will hurt like sin, But you must not bash them in; Faces full of zip and cheer, But you must not shrink with fear; Faces smooth, and smug, and bland— You must keep yourself in hand; Faces full of eager joy— But you must not whimper, boy. Let the icy water's shock Leave you steady as a rock, Glowing pink from head to heel, Nerves as taut and true as steel; Stand up, son, fling back your head; Pause, and spend the day in bed.

The small daughter of a certain well-known actor had seen, and heard, her father rehearsing a new part, and after it was over she retired, greatly impressed, to the nursery.

A little later her mother overheard her apparently rehearsing a play she was inventing as she went along.

"My loved one is ill! I must go to him!" There was a momentary pause. Then suddenly: "Blow it, he's dead!"

To-day's Dog Story.—"Before motors were on the roads," writes a Shawford, Winchester, resident, "I had taken out my small governess cart to do blackberrying, and Maxy, my dachshund, came with me. To reach the blackberries I had to get one wheel of the cart into the ditch. While I stood on the seat to reach up, Maximilian stood at my feet watching what I was doing.

"I picked on steadily into a basket, taking no notice of him; but when I moved to get down I found him very busy nipping off with his teeth all the berries he could reach and putting them on the seat in front of him. He was delighted to show me his spoils, though I fear he had not always selected ripe ones. He was very careful, curling his lips back as he nipped the stalks, so as to avoid the thorns."

CHINESE PARTNERS
AT LAW.NOVEL WAY OF SEEKING
DISSOLUTION?

MONEY LOAN CLAIM.

An allegation that a partner was trying to claim from another partner in respect of money which had been lent for the use of the firm was made in the Summary Court this morning, before Mr. Justice Jucks. The plaintiff was Sin Fook, trading as the Wo Fat Firm and the Wo Shing Firm, No. 5, Eastern Street, and the defendant was the Fook Mee Firm, No. 60, Connaught Road West, and Chan Yick-mi, the managing partner. The claim was for \$740 due under four Chinese promissory notes.

Mr. Horne Lo was for the plaintiff, and Mr. F. X. D'Almada, senior, defended.

Mr. Lo explained that the defendant had been personally known to the plaintiff for about seven years and when the plaintiff's wife fell ill the two parties became very closely acquainted. The money, said Mr. Lo, was given to the defendant for his own use and for his convenience.

His Lordship would probably recall that when the case was mentioned on Friday morning, he (Mr. Lo) opposed an adjournment because he was instructed that there was no genuine defence, but Mr. D'Almada then informed the Court that he had an excellent defence, which was that the plaintiff was a partner in the defendant firm. Mr. Lo said that he did not know how that constituted a defence.

Plaintiff's Denial.

In any case, the plaintiff denied that he was connected with the defendant firm.

Mr. D'Almada then referred Mr. Lo to a section of the Code.

Mr. Lo said he understood that Mr. D'Almada had a further defence as well. While there was no need to disclose a defence before the case except in the event of a special defence being raised, Mr. Lo said he would submit that any defence Mr. D'Almada might raise should be subjected to the most careful scrutiny.

Mr. D'Almada told his Lordship the defence was that the plaintiff and defendant were partners in the Fook Mee firm. Because they were partners, if his Lordship entered judgment for the plaintiff, he could do nothing. Mr. D'Almada described the action as a "novel method of seeking an order for a partnership dissolution." In addition to that, he added, there was another defence.

Not Valid.

Evidence as to lending the money and receiving the notes was given by the plaintiff, in the course of which a point came up regarding the validity of one of the notes. It was explained that the date given on the note, February 18, 1928, was the date on which the money was lent, but the note was not given until long afterwards, the stamp date being April 19.

Mr. D'Almada submitted that the note was not valid because it must be stamped before execution.

His Lordship said he would reserve the point.

The plaintiff denied that he was a partner in the defendant's firm. In his evidence, the defendant stated that the plaintiff was his sworn brother. He (the defendant) started the business himself, but after the strike, trade was bad so that the plaintiff joined him as a partner. The plaintiff kept the key of the firm's safe and also kept the money, while he (the defendant) looked after the business generally.

The defendant admitted that the promissory notes were genuine, but explained that the money was lent for the use of the firm, and not for himself personally.

The case is proceeding.

LOCAL PASSENGER
RETURNS.EXCESS OF DEPARTURES
OVER ARRIVALS.

The passenger returns for the month of December have now been published by the Harbour Department and these again show an excess of departures over arrivals, totalling approximately 13,000.

Of this preponderance, about 2,000 more left the port than arrived by ocean steamers, 10,000 by river steamers and a few more than 500 by junks and launches.

The return in detail is given below:

	Arr.	Dep.
Ocean Steamers	46,616	48,642
River Steamers	81,932	92,061
Junks & Launches	5,848	6,388
Total	134,396	147,091

RECREIO AMATEUR
PLAYERS."WHAT HAPPENED TO JONES"
STAGED.

EXCELLENT SHOW.

The presentation of "What Happened to Jones" by the Recreio Amateur Players at the Star Theatre last night was a great success, both from the standpoint of the organisers and by reason of the merits of the show.

A very large house saw what can safely be termed one of the best amateur efforts this season in the way of theatricals. The plot chosen was a happy one, allowing plenty of scope for subtle wit as well as for humour of the farcical type.

The stage, representing a drawing room in the home of Ebenezer Goodly of New York, was very appropriately set and correctly furnished, giving an air of splendour and span neatness in a home that was ultra-modern in every way.

Ebenezer Goodly (Mr. Frank H. Barnes) was the head of this household, the other members of which were Mrs. Goodly (Mrs. Elfrida Osmund da Roza) and her two daughters Marjorie and Minerva (Miss Alda dos Remedios and Olivia Barretto). Ebenezer Goodly's ward from San Francisco, Cissy (Miss Sylvia dos Remedios) was also looked upon as one of the family.

There was nothing but good order and uprightness in the Goodly family until the appearance of Jones (Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, Jr.). Marjorie, the elder daughter of Goodly was engaged to one Richard Heatherly (Mr. Leo Guimaraes) who induced his prospective father-in-law to attend a prize fight, which was followed by a police raid. Goodly escaped, but not before he had earned himself a black eye and a few other injuries which he felt ought to be concealed from his wife. Jones, a fugitive from the police, runs into the drawing room, seeking protection, and because he knows of Goodly's escapade, he is sheltered. They begin a series of farcical incidents, for in a moment of emergency Jones adopts a clerical gown intended for Goodly's brother the Bishop of Ballarat (Mr. O. P. dos Remedios) who was expected from Australia that night. He is introduced to the ladies as the Bishop and then the fun begins.

The Title Role.

Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, Jr., in the difficult role of Jones, acquitted himself exceptionally well and displayed a complete mastery of the part he was called upon to play. A gambler, a salesman, a doctor, a lover, and a deceiver were to him roles which were as easy to execute as that of a person and a churchman, which he had also to portray. His timely gestures, his politeness and good manners, fitted extremely well with his eloquence and natural wit.

Mr. Frank H. Barnes, as Ebenezer Goodly, had a role which required very careful handling and he did all that was required of him. A lover of home and homeliness, he made immense sacrifices, at times extremely humorous, to preserve his good name in his own household. Mr. Barnes was perhaps slow to settle down to his role, but he got over that difficulty later in the play and was really brilliant towards the end.

Richard Heatherly, a lover, a conspirator, and a sport-loving young man, was well portrayed by Mr. Leo Guimaraes, while the role of the Bishop of Ballarat appeared to suit Mr. O. P. dos Remedios, whose "lack of humour" in an up-to-date American household caused roars of laughter.

Mr. Al Alvares as a policeman and J. E. Noronha as an inmate of a sanatorium had minor roles which they performed quite creditably. Mr. P. Nolasco da Silva as superintendent of the Sanatorium also made a brief appearance on the stage.

The Ladies.

Of the feminine roles, it is difficult to individualise or to select for primary position any of the six talented ladies who took part. Miss Hetty Noronha, as a Swedish servant girl, had a role which did not require very much oral work, but which demanded some very good acting and she was more than equal to the occasion. Miss Heralda Leite, as Alvina Starlight, an old maid with old-fashioned ideas of love-making, portrayed the part extremely well. Marjorie and Minerva, as well-bred daughters of the respectable Goodly, were ably handled by Alda dos Remedios and Olivia Barretto, and the more difficult role of Cissy, a flighty young maiden who felt she was being "cooped up" in the Goodly home, was superbly portrayed by Miss Sylvia dos Remedios, a versatile conversationalist. Mrs. Goodly, portrayed by Mrs. Elfrida Osmund da Roza, presented a true picture

POLICE METHODS
CRITICISED.ABSURD ARREST OF AN
OLD WOMAN.

COMPENSATION PAID.

An old woman, the holder of a free licence granted her by Mr. R. E. Lindsell in October last, was brought before the same Magistrate this morning by a Chinese constable who charged her with hawking without a licence.

Nothing the date on the licence, which made it effective for the period of one year, his Worship thus addressed P.C. 235:—"How dare you arrest this woman? She has a licence for a whole year. Now you will have to pay her \$1 as compensation out of your own pocket."

To Sergeant Hallam, the police officer prosecuting from the West Point Station, his Worship said:—"It does not speak highly for the intelligence of the officer of your station who took this charge."

Sergeant Hallam—I did not take the charge myself, your Worship. The procedure is one simplifying matters for the police. A licence which carries from one year to another usually has the date 1929 marked on it."

Sergeant Hallam explained that a departure from this system might have misled the constable who arrested the defendant.

His Worship:—"That is no concern of mine. There is the date staring you in the face, and the words 'for one year only.'"

BRASS—NOT GOLD.

WATCHMAKER CHARGED
WITH FALSE PRETENCES.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Police Court this morning, Mak Kit, a watchmaker, was charged with giving a false address to a pawnbroker, when pawning six watches at the Lee Ching shop, at 84, Ming Street, Shaukiwan, and with obtaining \$10 by false pretences in that he passed off one of the watches as being of gold were.

Sergeant McEuen, in reply to his Worship, said the police were unable to say at this stage that the watches had been dishonestly come by.

A remand was given for further enquiries, bail being fixed in the sum of \$200.

of respectability, a woman who cared for and nursed every member of the household, and looked upon her daughters as something precious and her husband as a lifelong problem. Mrs. da Roza's role was by no means simple and the manner in which she handled it last night revealed her as a very talented amateur indeed.

The Footwarmers' Band rendered an admirable selection during the intervals.

The scenery was in the hands of Messrs. M. F. Baptista and J. G. D'Almada. Mrs. Elfrida da Roza, Miss Marie Leitao and Miss Ellaline Osmund were responsible for the property and wardrobe, whilst the publicity was in the hands of Messrs. R. A. da Silva and Mr. L. A. Rocha. The play was produced by Mr. M. A. de Carvalho and Mr. J. E. Noronha, the business manager.

MACDONA PLAYERS
EXCEL."MAN & SUPERMAN" A FINE
PERFORMANCE.

BRILLIANT COMEDY.

Bernard Shaw's incursion into sex psychology, "Man and Superman," the story of the conquest of the misogynist, is with very good reason regarded as one of the most brilliant of his comedies, and the Macdona Players more than satisfied opinion on that score with their splendid presentation last night.

One may not agree with Shaw, but one is obliged to laugh with him, and the play scintillates with his malicious humour at the expense of women in general and men in particular. The Macdona Players gave a sincere and straightforward performance, the comedy requiring no more to produce the desired effect, and the large audience applauded between the acts and at end with grateful enthusiasm.

It required only such a performance to establish them as by far the finest touring company to visit Hongkong for more years than we care to remember. Every artist draws forth a large measure of praise, mainly because it is so obvious that all thoroughly enjoy their task.

Terence O'Brien, as John Tanner, the argumentative preacher of a new gospel of life, who orally treats modern conventions as a standing joke, holds the attention from his first entrance. His extremely clever acting and splendid enunciation enabled him to carry a heavy part through with ease.

Ann Whitefield, an amiable if purposeful girl, was played by Daphne Carr, and she, too, with such delightful skill that we wonder Jack held out so long. Her "capture" in the final scene was a magnificent climax to some superb acting, though it became really convincing only after her return from the discussions regarding the self-reliant Violet. Ivy Walcott (Violet) also gave entire satisfaction.

Stanley Drewitt made a much better Roebuck Ramsden than a Colonel Pickering. The audience was really appreciative.

A most delightful study of Mrs. Whitefield is given by Joan Blair, who captured the spirit of a minor creation of Shaw's in an admirable way. Her deep distress at the responsibilities thrust upon her catches the imagination at once and holds it until her extremely effective exit.

Arnold Walsh bravely survives the ordeal of playing the lovesick fool, while A. S. Homewood develops the part of Hector Malone Senior with experienced skill. R. Claude Pascoe plays Henry Straker, as between employer and engineer, with gusto.

To-night, the Macdona Players are giving "Candida," in which Terence O'Brien plays Marchbanks.

INSULAR AFFAIRS.

Washington, Jan. 8.
Brig. General Lejau Parker has been nominated Chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs—Reader's American Service.

DUTCH CRUISER'S
VISIT.REAR-ADMIRAL MAKES AN
OFFICIAL LANDING.

STAYS FOR SIX DAYS.

The Dutch cruiser Java, under the command of Captain A. F. H. Halhuizen and having aboard Admiral A. ten Broecke Hoekstra, Commander-in-Chief of the Netherlands Fleet in Far Eastern waters, arrived from the North at ten o'clock this morning, and exchanged the customary salutes with the port.

The Commander-in-Chief made his official landing at noon at Queen's Pier, being accompanied by his Flag Captain and his A.D.C., Flag Lt.-Comdr. P. J. Feteris, and by Mr. M. J. Quist, Consul-General for the Netherlands, who had earlier on, gone on board to make arrangements for the landing.

The distinguished visitors were received on landing by Captain A. J. L. Whyte, R.E., A.D.C. to His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government. The Band of the 1st Battalion of the Queen's Regiment struck up "William of Nassau," the Dutch National Anthem, after which Admiral Broecke-Hoekstra inspected a Guard of Honour provided by the same Regiment, under the command of Major H. C. E. Hull, D.S.C.

Lt.-Colonel H. C. Ponsonby, D.S.O., M.C., Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion of the Queen's Regiment, was in charge. The ceremonial was witnessed by a large crowd of interested spectators.

After the inspection of the Guard, the party were escorted into waiting cars, and driven to Government House, where they were received by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G. After the usual compliments had been exchanged, Rear-Admiral Broecke-Hoekstra, his A.D.C. and Flag Captain Halhuizen, returned to the cruiser, being seen off at Queen's Pier by the Consul-General, the Guard of Honour again playing the Dutch National Anthem.

The interesting fact is revealed that the present is the first time for many years since the Colony received a visit from a Dutch man-of-war. The last occasion on which such a visit was made was in March 1920, when a Dutch squadron of two ships called at the port.

The Java is one of the latest vessels in the Dutch Navy, having been in commission, it is understood, for only two years since her construction at a Dutch naval yard. She is of 7,500 tons, and has a personnel of 30 commissioned officers and about 500 men.

A member of the Dutch nobility, in the person of Baron van Handwijk, serves on her as a Lieutenant Commander.

The cruiser was one sent to represent the Dutch Fleet in the Naval Review held in connexion with the recent Coronation of the Emperor of Japan. It also recently visited Nanking where Rear-Admiral Broecke-Hoekstra and his officers attended the New Year Day military review held by the National Government.

After staying here six days, the Java will be returning to Sourabaya. Rear-Admiral Broecke-Hoekstra will leave the vessel at Batavia to resume his command of the Naval Department of the Dutch East Indies.

NANKING EXCITED.

OVER-DISMISSAL OF
GENERAL.

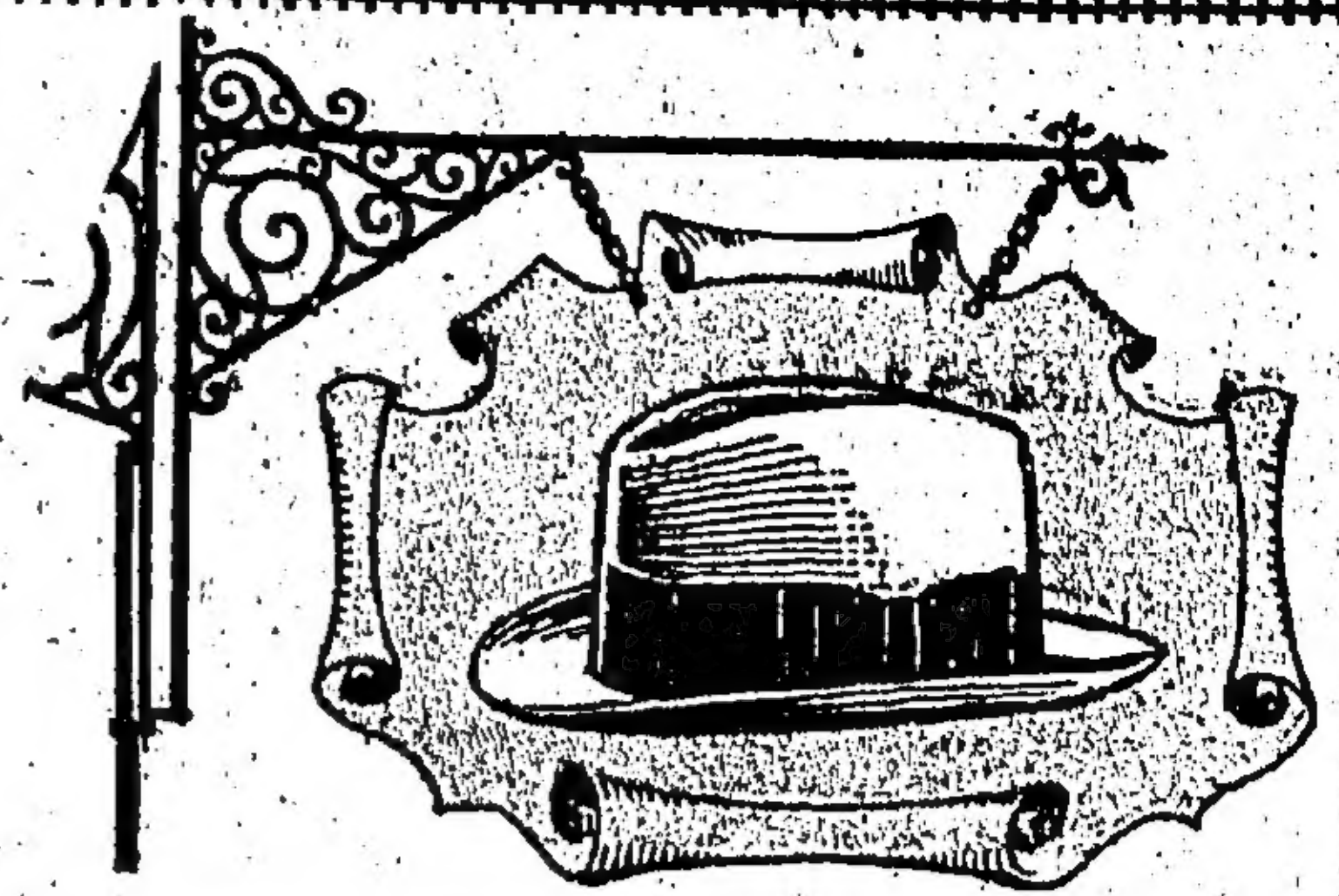
Nanking, Jan. 8.
Considerable excitement was created here yesterday, when Marshal Chiang Kai-shek issued the edict dismissing General Chien Ta-chun, who has been regarded as one of his most loyal subordinates.

General Chien, who has latterly been commanding the Third National Division, was formerly Commander of the Shanghai Garrison and was only recently appointed to be the Commander of a campaign to suppress bandits in cities on the south bank of the Yangtze River.

The edict appoints the assistant of General Chien, Chai Shing-ki, to fill the vacancy, and has ordered General Chien's troops to remain at Soochow.

It is understood that the Government will shortly order the dissolution of the headquarters of the bandit suppression campaign under the dismissed leader.

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CRICKET NOTES.

[By "Two Legs"]

For a change, a full programme of League matches was carried through according to schedule last week, and on hard and dry wickets generally, some rattling good cricket was seen. Bowlers, however, were not altogether out-classed as some really prize-worthy figures were returned in both the First and the Second Divisions of the League.

Much speculation was rife as to how the University, last year's senior champions, in their first League match, would fare against the formidable Kowloon combination and the fact that they all but won, shows that the Pokfulam XI must still be a power to be seriously reckoned with, despite the rather popular belief that they have sadly deteriorated. To knock up 204 for three wickets is no mean achievement in a half-day game.

Young Zimmerman will be a member that forgetful innings of his, and what a pity it was he got out by the leg-before route when within two runs of the century! Anderson's batting was also invaluable as he was largely responsible for knocking the sting out of Goodwin's bowling. Scoring 48 in his first match for the 'Varsity is not a bad beginning by any means.

That redoubtable K.C.C. opening pair—Brace and Ramsay—were again seen to advantage. When they became separated after putting up 86 runs, the University's chances of taking the full three points were not so bright. The Undergraduates, however, managed to account for six wickets and are satisfied that they at least had the better of the game.

The weakish Chinese R. C. team gave Civil Service many an anxious moment at Happy Valley. Ching and Ng Sze-kwong were in great form with the ball and meeting with early success, came out with flying colours. That a strong batting side like the Civil Service were dismissed for the paltry score of 80 runs, was also a tribute to the unusually smart C.C.C. fielding.

The Chinese, however, were not equal to the occasion when it came to their turn to face the bowlers. It was surprising that with the comparatively easy task before them they did not, at any time, hold the upper hand.

Musson and Leach were very prominent both with bat and ball when the lowly-placed Royal Artillery team upset calculations at Craigswater and incidentally secured their first victory. Craigswater appear to be falling off from their early season form and will have to improve on their recent displays if they mean to occupy a place amongst the first half at the finish.

H.K.C.C. 2nd XI soundly put it across the Electric R.C.C. thanks mainly to a brilliant innings for a century by Armstrong. He is the second batsman in the Junior League to hit up 100 runs and, peculiarly, the first centurion this year was Murdoch, who was on the opposing side.

Civil Service 2nd defeated R.A.S.C. in a closely-contested match, a feature of which was the supremacy of ball over bat. Pte. Fry's analysis of seven for 40, although not the best of the six bowlers who had a turn with the ball, included the "hat trick," which feat was all the more praiseworthy as it was performed on matting wicket.

Lt. Col. Wyatt carried the R.E. and S. to victory against the Police. When batting, he scored off all the bowlers with equal ease but was particularly merciless on Weymes whom he got away to the boundary on four successive occasions in one over. The Police were without C. F. Alexander, one of their best players, who had just left on leave.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

The following will represent the Club v. Mr. Mattingley's Services XV on Saturday at 4 p.m. at Happy Valley.—S. J. Fox; H. G. Mills; G. A. L. Plummer; H. V. Koop (Capt.); R. H. Dowling; R. J. Bonnar; V. W. L. Stanlan; P. L. P. Thomas; H. F. Akhurst; W. Lithgow Smith; J. Riddell; E. R. West; B. P. Moode; W. Beveridge and R. P. Moode. Referee:—H. F. L. Ewin.

There will be a full practice on Thursday at 6.15 p.m.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

The following have been selected to represent the I. R. C. on Saturday 12th instant on the I.R.C. ground at 2 p.m. sharp.

Siridar Khan (Captain), M. P. Madan, A. B. Sufian, N. B. Kitchell, A. M. Ramjahn, A. R. Sufian, M. P. Abbas, D. Mohamed, R. Nazarin, A. Butt, J. M. A. Ramjahn and reserve U. T. Thad.

CHIANG PRAISES JAPANESE.

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continued, "the question we have to face courageously is whether we shall once more tread the beaten path of the Peking military dictatorship or head for a new direction which has been pointed out to us by the shoguns of our neighbour. The former path will eventually lead us to destruction and extinction, and if we prefer to be militarists and counter-revolutionists, we might as well cut short all our pretences. On the other hand, if we wish to lay a sound foundation for our nation, let us look to our worthy and patriotic Japanese counter-parts and learn their methods of reform so as to preserve the glorious history of the Kuomintang as well as fulfil our duties as true revolutionists. In the Japanese process, it was first necessary to suppress all feudal lords before, secondly, concentration of authority was possible.

"The third step was abolition of individual dictatorship over certain territorial divisions, and the fourth, the transformation of various feudal forces into a national army under the control of the Central Government. We have, I may say, accomplished the first two measures and the realization of the 3rd and 4th steps is the aim and mission of the present military conference, that is to say, it is the duty of this conference to devise military reorganization measures for our unification and the centralization of Government authority."

Bismarck's Achievement.

Marshal Chiang then called the attention of his audience to Bismarck's achievement in consolidating the large number of German principalities first into the German Confederation following the Austro-Prussian War, and then, the German Empire following the Franco-Prussian War thus centralizing all Government authority in the constitution of the German Empire.

He likewise explained the federal system of state control in the United States of America where demarcation of Federal and State authority has been so perfect that despite the extensiveness of its territory and the power retained by the State, the American Government remains to-day one of the most highly centralized governments of the world.

Control of Government.

"We must thoroughly understand," continued the Marshal, "that our present programme of centralization does not mean the deprivation of power of a few individuals to strengthen that of a few others. Our centralization is not centralization of power in any individual or a group of individuals; on the contrary, it is centralization of power in the government as such. The personnel of the Government will probably remain exactly as it is, only we must so reconstruct our Government that we can effectively administer the entire country instead of the country being divided into so many sections under the separate control of a small number of our leaders. Summarily speaking, if we aim at the realization of the Three People's Principles and the development of our country into a modern State, we will and must work towards the centralization of authority because it is in centralized control of the Government that we can found the strong foundation for building a new State."

GALSWORTHY MANUSCRIPTS.

EXHIBITION AT THE FIRST EDITION CLUB.

An exhibition of great interest to book collectors was opened recently in the beautiful library of the First Edition Club, 17, Bedford-square. The works of John Galsworthy shown in all their bibliographical forms—first editions, proof copies and manuscripts. He himself is lending such manuscripts of his books as are in his possession and Mr. H. V. Marrot, who has for many years been collecting Galsworthy editions, will provide others. Not only will the exhibition contain first editions of every book written by Galsworthy, but it will afford the opportunity of tracing through the original manuscripts the genesis and developments of the Forsyte Saga.

According to Mr. A. J. A. Symons, secretary of the club, authors fall into two groups, those who write without correcting their manuscripts, like Gautier and Sir Edmund Gosse, and those who like Balzac and Galsworthy, score their manuscripts repeatedly.

During the last few years there has been an astonishing appreciation in the value of the volumes of the "Forsyte Saga," first editions of "The Man of Property" and of the first four volumes published by Galsworthy under the pseudonym "John Sinjohn" being now virtually unobtainable.

MAN HARNESSES DAYLIGHT.

LONDON STREET LIT BY "RADIOVISOR."

THE WONDER GLOBE.

London, Dec. 13. A heavy-pannelled door in a London office was opened by the flash of an electric torch yesterday. In the keyhole of the door was fitted a "radiovisor," the new light-ray invention.

The invention is already being experimented with by public and industrial bodies, and at the demonstration yesterday, writes a *Daily Chronicle* representative, it was announced that:—

The Great Western Railway are arranging experiments in signalling at Old Oak with a special turbo-generator railway engine;

The Southern Railway are to carry out signalling experiments at Wimbledon;

Scotland Yard is examining the "radiovisor" uses for burglar alarms and for police inspection of shops at night;

The British Broadcasting Corporation are investigating its applications to broadcasting;

His Master's Voice Gramophone Company are looking into its uses for recording; and

The London County Electric Supply are to use the device for detecting smoking chimneys at their Barking generating station.

The device, to a layman's eyes, is merely a piece of glass fixed in an electric light globe. The glass, however, is treated with certain substances.

Left in the Dark.

The "radiovisor," fixed in any electric light socket, and left in the dark, will hold up current; but as soon as light shines on it all resistance breaks down. The application of light causes current to flow through the "radiovisor," and this current can be used to set in operation any device.

Yesterday in a darkened room the wonderful globe was connected up to the room's lighting installation. The *Daily Chronicle* representative shone an electric torch on the "radiovisor." Immediately the room was flooded with light. When the torch was switched away from the "radiovisor" the lights went out.

There are eight street lamps in Barnes, London, being worked on this principle.

Each lamp has a "radiovisor" fitted. As soon as daylight falls, whether through nightfall or fog, the "radiovisor" holds up the current. This stops working another device which is preventing the lighting current from illuminating the lamp, and the street lamps are lighted.

As soon as daylight returns the "radiovisors" release current to operate relays which switch off the lamps.

Daylight is thus harnessed to work for man.

"All Clear" Signals.

It was demonstrated how the passage of smoke across the beam of light would give warning of fire; and how the device could be used for recording gramophone records and talking films without distorting the voice and music.

There was a model electric railway consisting of five sections, complete with two trains, "radiovisor" signalling, a station and a tunnel. The trains were set in motion. As a train entered a section it automatically put the signal against the next train. As it left the section it automatically put the same signal "All clear."

An each train entered the tunnel "radiovisors" in the carriages lighted them. As the trains left the lights went out.

The inventor, who is a bashful man, is Mr. John Neale.

ILLEGAL WAR TRAINING.

REICHSWEHR OFFICERS ALLEGED TO BE IMPLICATED.

Berlin, Dec. 9. When Herr von Gilsa, Administrator of the Kirchhain district, near Cassel, was dismissed on a charge of taking part in illegal military training of Junker bands, the Public Prosecutor in Marburg took the matter up, and during domiciliary visits seized important documents, which revealed the latest plans of the dissatisfied elements, and showed, it is reported, Reichswehr officers as implicated.

It is found that the banned "Viking" organization, supporters of the notorious Erhardt, have appeared in Kirchhain in a new form, many of its former members having joined the National Socialists (Fascists), about whose nocturnal maneuvers complaints were raised. The seized documents are said to show that both active and reserve Reichswehr officers gave lectures to these National Socialist groups and also supervised the Junker maneuvers.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE PRAYER BOOK.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—In your issue of the 31st ultimo appeared an article under the above heading, in which the writer criticises High Authorities for permitting certain "illegal practices" in churches, and for authorising the publication of the rejected Prayer Book on the ground that any sort of outside press might produce the work "without any guarantee of its accuracy," and, further, accuses the Bishops "of ignoring the twofold decision of Westminster," with the inevitable result of "a widening of the breach."

There seems to be little doubt that the "illegal practices" referred to mean the introduction into the Protestant Churches (which are too timid, too weary, too despondent to protest any more) of Roman Catholic practices such as confessional, lustrations of lights, perpetual lamps before the "Host," incense, genuflections, dalmatics, etc.

What are those who sit in high places to do but to shove off responsibility by shifting the burden—on the plea of toleration—onto the shoulders of Rome? Did not Cardinal Newman say a generation ago that a priest must be either an atheist or a Roman Catholic—i.e. an open dealer or a make-believe-to-believe?

Board School education having debased every noble sentiment of our ancestors, "popular" government having shackled every movement of independence, the experience won from history being overborne by fanatical labourite dogmas, what remains for the negligent layman but to placidly acquiesce in the shrug-shoulder indifference of his episcopal guides?

As regards publishing a Prayer Book "without any guarantee of its accuracy," can, in fact, any Proclamation by Parliament prove the truth, or otherwise, of Transubstantiation? It may be called "legal" or "illegal" but the fact is ever in doubt. Why then attack the ill-starred Bishops for putting their "chop" on goods which would otherwise escape their spiritual and temporal assessment? When "nobody cares," why worry? and what is the mortal use of being a Bishop if one cannot have the glory of being a stiff-necked prelate able to ignore— for certain self-sufficient reasons—the "twice-made decision of Westminster"?

What matter if "the breach widen"? Is it not all breach—breach of faith, of fact, of dogma, of all the Protestant has fought and bled for—a breach spreading on all sides into a religious naught?

Let the Bishops do what they like—No one has the spirit to protest!—You, etc.,

DIOGENES.

Hongkong, Jan. 8th, 1929.

SERBIAN GIRLS AND FASHIONS.

A STORM IN THE SCHOOLS.

The headmaster of one of the girls' high schools at Belgrade paraded all the pupils from fifteen to twenty years of age, and told them that if they did not wear the plain frocks regulations prescribe, stop using rouge and lipstick, and stop shaving their eyebrows, they would be expelled, "even if the daughters of a Cabinet Minister."

Many people regard Mr. Karlovich's step as opportune. Belgrade is a town that strives very hard to be five minutes ahead of Paris, and eyebrow-shaving took hold of the high-school girls like fire to tinder. Serbian girls often have a marvellously thick and luscious eyebrow, and there was a trace of regret for the "good old times" in the headmaster's dictum that he "considered a girl's eyebrows her greatest ornament."

On the day following his action, a lively protest came from one girl in the form of an open letter to her headmaster. When her mother heard the news, this young lady declared, she said that "the man's a hundred years behind the times." The conclusion of the letter is characteristic:

I have no hesitation in declaring that you confuse your duties with those of a hair-dresser or a dressmaker. I go to a Beauty Institute to have my eyebrows plucked and for face massage, and to you in school to learn what sine and cosine are and who Hannibal and Julius Caesar were. The idea of asking my hairdresser about the Punic Wars or my dressmaker for a dissertation on the ablative absolute has never entered my head.

Her point is that, while she is at school, during the last Forms, she is preparing for marriage, and just as "a child of seven who had not learned to brush his teeth and wash his ears will always be grubby, a girl who does not know how to make the best of herself by twenty will always be one of the ninth wonders of the world."

PETROL TINS ON BOARD SAMPAN.

SEVERE STRICTURES AT MARINE COURT.

Commr. G. F. Hole, R.N., sitting as Magistrate at the Marine Court this morning, passed severe strictures upon a passenger boat mistress, who was charged with carrying goods other than passenger's luggage, to wit, 30 tins of petrol.

His Worship addressing the accused, said, "Not content with carrying goods, you take on board the most dangerous cargo in the harbour, without a permit. I intend to treat this as a very serious case and you will be fined \$20 with the alternative of three weeks hard labour."

Dumping Rubbish.

Kwok Kum Sau, mistress and Lai Kum, foki of a passenger boat, were severely charged with dumping rubbish or other material into the harbour without permission, and pleaded not guilty.

Police evidence was to the effect that the sampan was called alongside a Police launch for the purpose of search, but before obeying the order, the defendants throw certain packages overboard. A seaman from the Police launch corroborated and in reply to Inspector Andrews, identified a bag of rice produced in Court as one of a number of parcels which were on the deck of the sampan when the arrest was made.

Accused stated that they were carrying three passengers and that the parcels belonged to these people. Nothing had been thrown overboard and if anybody should be arrested it was the passengers. They had submitted to search when the Police launch hailed them, but they could advance no reason why the Police should have arrested them.

His Worship remarking that it appeared to be a clear case, inflicted a fine of \$5 on each of the accused and ordered the bag of rice to be returned to the owner.

No Lights.

Wong Yee Fan, coxswain of a cargo boat, pleaded guilty to navigating the harbour without regulation lights and was fined \$5 with the usual alternative.

POWERFUL DRAMA.

"THE WAY OF ALL FLESH."

"The Way of All Flesh" is the title of a new and powerful drama which will be screened at the Queen's Theatre from today to Saturday. Emil Jannings, who has been described as the greatest emotional actor of the stage or screen, gives perhaps the most remarkable performance of his career as a kindly, humble, god-fearing man who, late in life, commits a sin for which he believes there is no forgiveness. Essentially a drama, stirring and thrilling, the picture has been given a lavish production while an exceptional supporting cast of players including Belle Bennett, Phyllis Haver and Donald Keith, has been provided. The *New York Telegraph* says:—"The director, Victor Fleming, has breathed the life of originality into his creation and gains new eminence as a genius of the megaphone. 'The Way of All Flesh' attains a lofty eminence in cinema excellence."

HAPSBURG HEIR MYSTERY.

ECHO OF A TRAGEDY 39 YEARS AGO.

Paris, Dec. 9. The corpse of the Crown Prince Rudolph, heir to the Hapsburg Throne, who died in 1889 at Mayerling, under mysterious circumstances, may be exhumed, states the *New York Herald* (Paris edition), as the result of renewed suspicions that he was assassinated.

The official version was that the Crown Prince and his friend, the Baroness Marie Vetsera, ended their lives in a double suicide. Herr Joseph Maly has now brought forward indirect evidence to show that the Crown Prince was struck over the head with a bottle during a quarrel with the Archduke Johann, who called at Mayerling and reproached him for his liaison with the Baroness.

The official decree published shortly after the death of the Crown Prince depriving the Archduke of his title appears to confirm this story. Under the name of Johann Orth the Archduke fled to South America, where he was reported to have been drowned, but it is believed that he is still living there in seclusion.

John Taylor, 30, of Commercial-road, Kirkdale, Liverpool, who rescued a child from a blazing house, died later from illness.



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4—The order of letters cannot be changed.
One solution is printed on another page.

"QUESTION MARKS" FLIGHT.

COULD HAVE CONTINUED.

Los Angeles, Jan. 8. The commander of the "Question Mark" said they could have continued aloft indefinitely if the engines had not given out. The crew of five are medically certified to be in excellent physical condition. The only effects of the flight were natural fatigue and the loss of one to four pounds weight each.—*Reuter's American Service.*

EGYPTIAN COTTON.

BIG SALE TO A RUSSIAN COMPANY ANNOUNCED.

Cairo, Jan. 8. Approximately 30,000 kantars of cotton, January futures, at 39½ dollars a kantar, have been sold by the government to a Russian company. The latter has deposited £25,000.—*Reuter.*

SIR CECIL CLEMENTI.

WILL NOT LAND UNTIL AFTER DARK.

It is officially notified by the Colonial Secretary that His Excellency the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, who is expected to arrive in the Colony in the Canadian Pacific s.s. Empress of France to-day, will land at Queen's Pier after dark. His Excellency will therefore land without any ceremony whatever.

SMALL-POX OUTBREAK.

FIVE HUNDRED CASES IN TWO MONTHS.

Nearly five hundred cases of small-pox have been reported to the Medical Officer of Health since the beginning of November. There have been two hundred deaths.

Last week's return of the Medical Officer gave 80 cases, 59 of which came from Kowloon. All were Chinese and one was imported. There were 48 deaths. The following table gives the number of cases and deaths since the beginning of November:

Week Ending	Cases	Deaths
November 3	6	0
November 10	22	6
November 17	31	9
November 24	17	8
December 1	33	25
December 8	61	16
December 14	91	29
December 22	81	22
December 29	73	38
January 6	80	48
	495	201

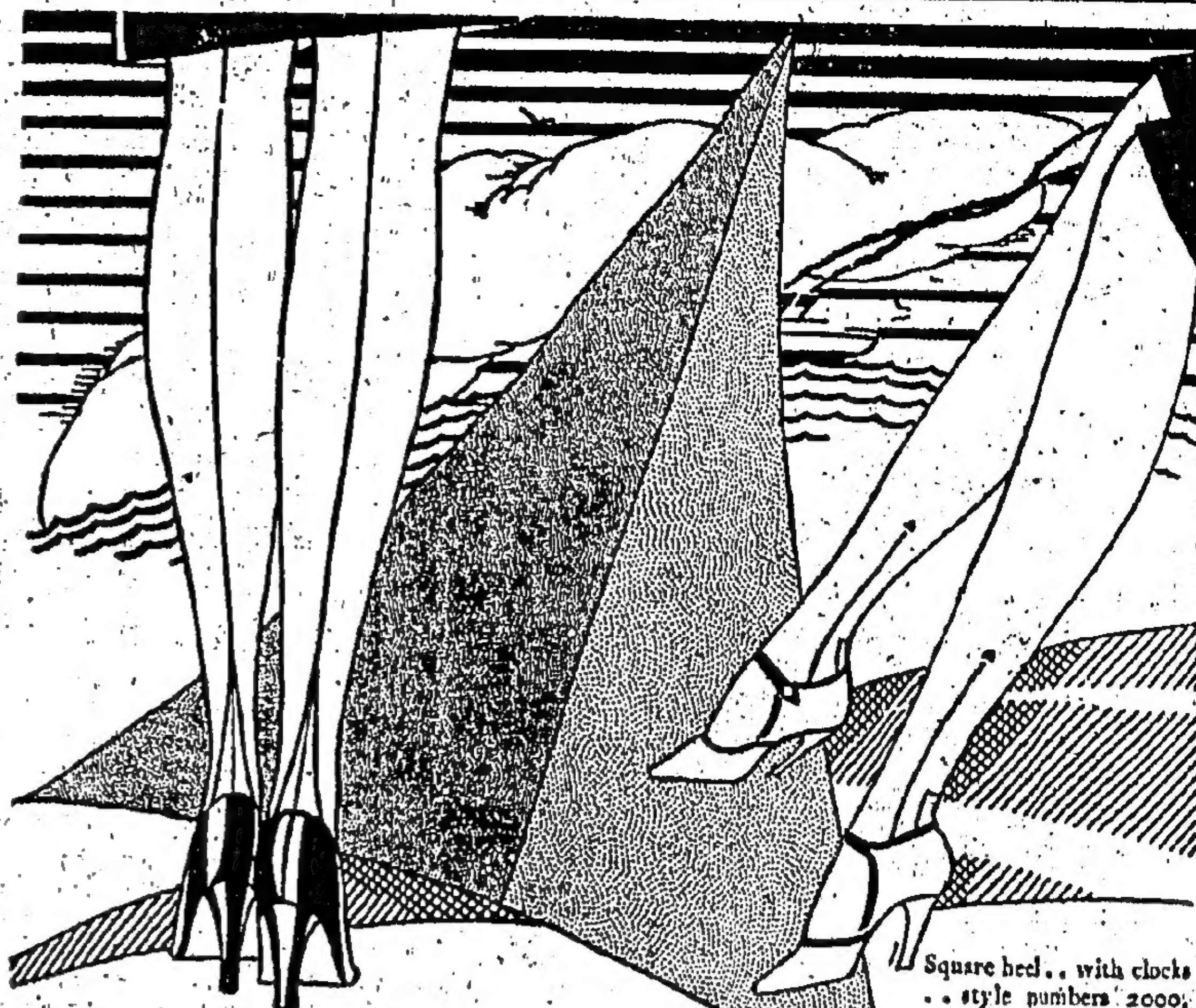
Yesterday's return contained a further fourteen cases of small-pox. It is noteworthy that no less than twelve were reported from the Victoria registration district. All were Chinese.

Dumping of Dead Bodies Depreciated.

At yesterday's meeting of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, a letter was read by the Secretary from a Chinese who suggested that in view of the frequent dumping of bodies afflicted with small-pox the Tung Wah and Kwong Wah Hospitals should take some steps to provide hospital accommodation for those who were suffering from the disease.

The writer pointed out that the majority of those who dumped bodies were from the ignorant class, who, in order to avoid the house cleaning that usually follows when a small-pox case is reported to the authorities, prefer to dump the victims of the disease into the streets.

The chairman, Mr. Li Yau-tsun, in connexion with this matter, said that all that could be done in the way of spreading confidence amongst the Chinese in Western methods of healing this disease should be done. Vaccinations were to be had for the asking and he hoped that everybody would see that their friends, relations and servants were rendered immune as soon as possible.



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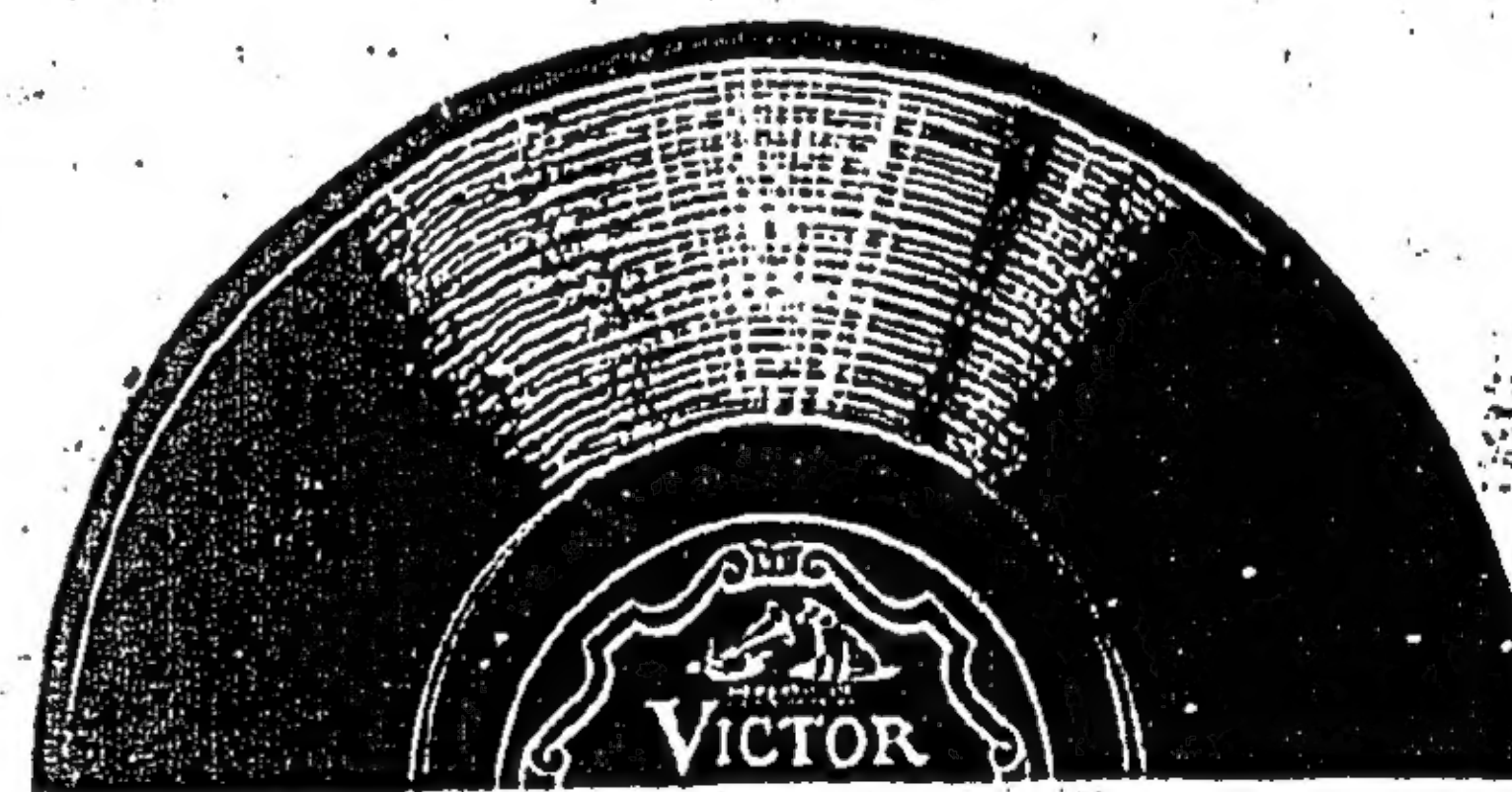
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"Just Like Darby and Joan."
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"My Laddie."
Alma Gluck, Soprano.
"Such a Little I follow."
Alma Gluck, Soprano.
10 p.m. News Bulletin.
"Stradella."
Victor Symphony Orchestra.
"Cohen on the Telephone."
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BANDIT OUTRAGE.

THE SHANGHAI-NANKING TRAIN HELD UP.

Shanghai, Jan. 8.
A message from Nanking says
that the Shanghai-Nanking train
was held up and robbed last night
at nine o'clock in Xiaohuamen
station, ten minutes from Hai-
kwan.
Thirty bandits descended on the
station, some holding up the
station master and guards while
the remainder went through the
passengers, taking more than two
hours.
The train eventually arrived at
Nanking at midnight.
The garrison force has been
ordered out, but so far no arrests
have been effected.—Reuter.

GENERAL DISMISSED.

THIRD ARMY COMMANDER IN DISGRACE.

Nanking, Jan. 8.
Chien Ta-chun, the commander
of the third army and former gar-
rison commander at Shanghai,
has been dismissed.—Reuter.
Assistant Appointed.

Shanghai, Jan. 8.
The National Government yester-
day created some surprise by
announcing the dismissal of General
Chien Ta-chun, the Chief of the
Third Division of the Nationalist
Army and former head of the
Shanghai Chinese Gendarmerie
Troops.
The brief telegram added that
the assistant of General Chien has
been appointed to the vacancy.—
Wah Kiu Yat Po.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

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The case in which Cheong Wo and Company, No. 133, Des Voeux Road Central, sued the s.s. Yuet On, owned by the Tye Sing S.S. Company, No. 149, Des Voeux Road West, for \$3,077.81 being the cost of necessities supplied to the ship, was concluded in the Supreme Court yesterday afternoon before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) who gave judgment for the defendant with costs.

In giving this decision, his Lordship, in saying that he did not think the plaintiffs had brought the liability home to the defendant, expressed regret at the plaintiffs having suffered as they had acted in perfectly good faith.

Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by Mr. F. H. Loeb, of Lee and Ruse, was for the plaintiff, and Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., instructed by Mr. F. X. D'Almada, of D'Almada and Mason, defended.

Replying to Mr. Sheldon, defendant agreed that the Yuet On was taken to the Kwong Hip Leong shipyard for alterations to be made to make the boat effective for the run as desired by the Macao Government. Whether the shipyard was still unpaid, \$10,000 was no concern of his but he had heard that they had obtained judgment against the Sino-Portuguese Company for \$9,900 odd. At the beginning, the Sino-Portuguese Company paid \$5,000 and signed documents for the balance.

Defendant further said that he did not part with possession of the ship until, after the charter was signed, on March 21.

Company in Liquidation.

In the course of his evidence, Mr. Mak-hoi stated that the Sino-Portuguese Company had gone into liquidation.

Answering Mr. Sheldon, witness said he knew the capital was \$51,000 but he could not tell what had happened to it. He agreed that the company had a short life.

In making his final submissions, Mr. Alabaster said they had proved that Capt. Carneiro was one of the Sino-Portuguese Company, which was the company to whom the plaintiffs rendered an account. They had also proved that the captain was not the agent of the defendant.

Mr. Sheldon pointed out it had not been denied that the necessities were supplied to the ship. Counsel argued that if there was a Captain on the ship, fulfilling the duties of a master, it must of necessity follow that the captain was the agent or servant of the person in whose legal ownership the vessel was. It would be a paradox to hold otherwise, said Mr. Sheldon.

Some discussion ensued on this between his Lordship and Mr. Sheldon, after which his Lordship summed up.

Plaintiffs Approached.

In this connexion, his Lordship said that while Chuan Chung-ling, was away on a holiday in February, last year, his partner, Li Pak-chuen was approached by Capt. Carneiro with the idea of the Yuet On being chartered because he desired to take up an arrangement with the Government of Macao to run the ship on a mail service to Timor. For the purpose of making the ship fit for the service it

YUET ON STRANDING.

TOWED OFF BY TWO CHINESE LAUNCHES.

The earlier information relating to the stranding of the s.s. Yuet On in the vicinity of Junction Bend has now been amplified and it is learned that the vessel grounded in the early hours of Monday morning and sent out a call for assistance by gunboat at about 8 a.m. on that day.

H. M. Ships Messua and Seamus proceeded to the scene and stood by but could not approach near enough to pass a line. Eventually one of the craft was despatched and was successful in recruiting two Chinese tug boats, which were then engaged and the s.s. Yuet On was dragged off, to arrive at Kowloon about nine hours later.

This is the second casualty suffered by the Yuet On in consecutive trips; the first occasion she having enlisted the aid of H.M.S. Faulkner, the towing operations resulting in damage to both vessels.

It is now stated that the damage was caused on that occasion by the Yuet On turning her engines at full speed astern, when the Faulkner and the tow line, the Yuet On, breaking free, then came astern and drove on to the patrol boat.

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was handed over to Capt. Carneiro for the purpose of alterations.

His Lordship continued: "It was quite clear that so far as the chartering of the ship was concerned, that took place on March 21, 1928, when most of the goods had been ordered and put on the ship. The allegation of the defendant was that although most of the goods were ordered before the actual signature of the chartering party, as a matter of fact the ship was given over to Capt. Carneiro for the alterations beforehand, and he received a deposit of \$4,400 in respect of the first month's hire under charter.

Plaintiffs Suffer.

In giving judgment for the defendant with costs, his Lordship said he regretted that the plaintiffs should have to suffer as much as they had, because they had acted in perfectly good faith, but he did not think they had brought the liability home to the defendant.

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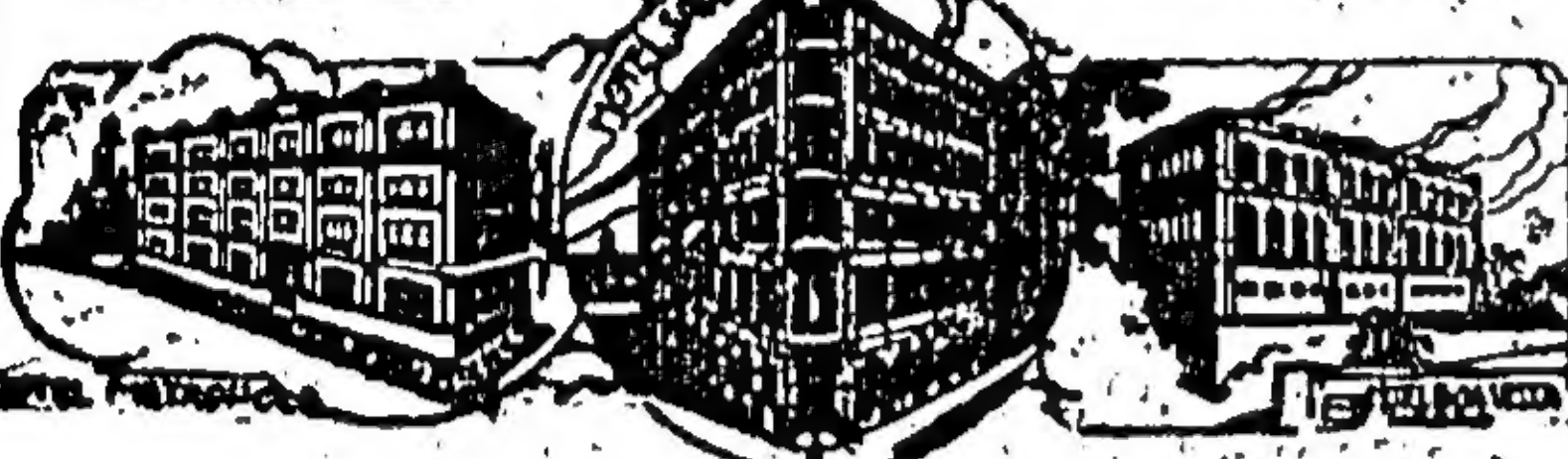
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INDIAN CONSTABLE CHARGED.

ALLEGED LARCENY OF
SOLDIERS' MONEY.

DEFENDANT CHASED.

A charge of larceny by bailor of \$25, the money of a private in the Punjab Regiment, was brought against an Indian constable stationed at the Water Police Station, before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. Mr. L. H. C. Calthrop, A.S.P., prosecuted.

Outlining the facts of the case, Mr. Calthrop said that at about 3 p.m. on Monday last, two sepoy from the Punjab Regiment met the defendant Indian constable No. 555, in Haiphong Road. The constable, who was off duty at the time, had known these two men when all three were stationed at Shataukok. The constable asked what the other two were doing, and was told that they intended to purchase some clothing.

The defendant said that he was a policeman and could possibly get things much cheaper for them. The complainant then handed the defendant \$25 and he disappeared into a tailor's shop. He walked right through the premises and went into the alleyway at the back.

The complainant and his friend, who waited outside, happened to see the defendant in the alleyway through another shop and at once got suspicious. They went along Haiphong Road into Nathan Road and chased the defendant, who ran down Nathan Road into Peking Road and then along Hankow Road. He then turned along Middle Road and was overtaken in Nathan Road, where an argument ensued. The defendant suggested that they should go to the Police Station and the party then proceeded along Salisbury Road, but instead of heading for the Station, the defendant took them along Hankow Road past the Star Theatre, another argument arose and it was during this conversation that an Indian Sergeant appeared on the scene and the men were taken to the Police Station.

Mr. Calthrop submitted that, proved that the defendant did not intend to go to the Police Station, as he had suggested. In the charge-room later, the defendant handed the sum of \$25 to the officer on duty.

In adjourning the case until tomorrow morning, his Worship intimated that an officer from the Punjab Regiment should be present in Court.

JUTLAND BATTLE RELICS.

PARTS OF TOPMAST NOW
AVAILABLE.

A topmast from H.M.S. Indefatigable, a warship sunk at the battle of Jutland, has been used as a flagstaff at the R.N.V.R. Battery at Eastbourne for some years, and it is now to be replaced by a new flagstaff.

Small portions of the old flagstaff will be available to relations and friends of the officers and men who went down in the Indefatigable, providing the cost of postage is defrayed.

Applications for such portions should be made to the Commanding Officers, Sussex Division, R.N.V.R., 5 Victoria Terrace, Hove.

BIRCH FOR UNWANTED VISITOR.

LIFE BANISHED BACK IN
COLONY.

Two Chinese were produced before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on charges of disobeying a banishment order made against them in 1925. One of the men was deported for life while the other was sent away for ten years.

The man banished for life was sentenced to three months' hard labour and 15 strokes of the birch, while the other was sent to prison for 12 months with hard labour.

It is advertised that on and after to-day, a portion of Praya East will be temporarily closed to vehicular traffic which will be diverted by way of the 75-foot road, until further notice.

Two cases of diphtheria, two of enteric fever and one of purpural fever were reported to the Medical Officer of Health last week. There were two deaths from diphtheria, one from enteric and one from purpural fever. One death was also reported from influenza, which is not notifiable. Yesterday's return contained one Chinese case of enteric fever. The small-pox figures are given in another column.

NEW CHINA LAND TAXES.

NANKING TAKING UP
PROBLEM.

TO PREVENT WEALTHY FROM
OWNING LAND.

TAX ON INCREMENT.

Nanking, Dec. 30.
At a recent Central Political Council meeting, Mr. Hu Han-min, Chairman of the Legislative Yuan, brought up for discussion the draft land laws.

A special committee of ten, including General Chiang Kai-shek, Chairman of the National Government; Mr. Tai Chi-tao, Chairman of the Examination Yuan; Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Chairman of the Judicial Yuan; General Yen Hsi-shan, Chairman of the Talyuan Branch Political Council; Marshal Feng Yu-shiang, Minister of War; Dr. H. H. Kung, Minister of Industry, Labour and Commerce; Mr. Chao Tse-wen, Minister of the Interior; Mr. T. V. Soong, Minister of Finance; Mr. Sun Fo, Minister of Railways; and Mr. Hu Han-min, was appointed to examine the draft. The first meeting of the committee will be held to-morrow afternoon at four o'clock at the Central Kuomintang Office.

Three People Principles.

The new land-laws will probably be the most important and revolutionary legislation to be adopted by the National Government. It is the policy of the Government authorities here to carry out faithfully the famous Three People's Principles as outlined in Dr. Sun Yat-sen's book, and it has been his belief that the late leader of the Kuomintang always regarded Min Sheng (People's Livelihood) as the most important part of the Kuomintang platform.

It has been known to the general public that the Kuomintang Government will legislate laws to prevent the owning of land by a few wealthy individuals and to give the poorer classes a better opportunity to own land. Rumours, therefore, have been in circulation that the Government is contemplating a policy of confiscation, and therefore, although no definite decision had been reached in regard to the new land-laws, a brief summary of the draft as proposed by Mr. Hu Han-min may be found interesting.

Compensation Possible.

Land-tax is to be collected in accordance with the value of the property. When the land-owners register at the Government land-office, they are to state the value of their land. The Government authorities will re-evaluate their land and will collect taxes according to the land-values estimated by the Government. If it is considered necessary, the Government may take over land owned by private individuals and compensate the latter in accordance with the registered values stated by the owners, not the Government valuation.

It follows that if owners over-value their property, they have to pay higher taxes, and if they under-value it, the Government will either collect taxes according to its own estimates or take over the land.

Light-Taxes to Start.

A question of considerable debate among the leaders of the Party and Government has been whether or not the Government should levy a land-tax as high as 10 per cent.

It is believed that with such high taxes, the value of land can never be brought down so that almost any person can own land and that speculation will be checked.

The majority of the leaders, however, are in favour of light taxes in the beginning, proposing they be gradually increased as time goes on. It is the general opinion that one per cent. is a reasonable rate, it being urged that a radical increase may result in stiff opposition and may not fit in with the economic condition of the country at the present moment.

100 Per Cent. Tax Proposed.

The original plan of a number of the Government and Party leaders was to collect a 100 per cent. unearned increment tax, it being their idea that any increase in the value of property due to increase in population or to change in social and economic conditions in that community and not to the efforts of the property owner should go to the Government.

It was proposed that the unearned increment tax should be collected when property was being transferred from one party to another, or when the ownership of a piece of land had not been trans-

AN OLD OFFENDER SENTENCED.

CAUGHT WITH STOLEN
PROPERTY.

STARTED AT ELEVEN.

Chan Wing, a man with a criminal record dating back to 1905 since when he has served many terms of imprisonment, was again committed to gaol this morning when he was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy on a charge of larceny of a cotton quilt and several articles of clothing belonging to a Chinese residing at No. 18, Shing Li Road.

The defendant, it was stated, was arrested with the garments in his possession. When taken to the Police Station, a pawn ticket relating to the quilt was found in his possession.

After his Worship had found the case against defendant proved, the man's record was produced showing 27 previous convictions for offences starting as early as 1905 when the defendant was only eleven years of age.

It will be recalled that his last conviction, some six months ago, was for an attempt to commit a larceny at No. 335, Nathan Road. He was caught after a chase by Mr. A. Brown, the footballer.

The defendant, who was only recently discharged from gaol, was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

PROSCRIBED LABOUR "GUILD."

CONFISCATION OF GOODS
ORDERED.

In the matter of the Teahouse Waiters' Guild, proscribed as an unlawful Society by virtue of an official announcement in the Government Gazette of November 23 of last year, Mr. T. Murphy, A.S.P., made an application before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Police Court this morning, for the confiscation of certain goods and chattels which were seized in a raid on the administrative premises of the Society, the second floor of No. 81, Connaught Road West.

After formal evidence had been given that notice of the police intention to make the application for confiscation had been posted in Chinese and that no claimants had come forward for any of the goods, the order was made by the Court.

FINE WEATHER.

To-day's Observatory report states that the anticyclone is central over the Lower Yangtze Valley. Fresh to moderate moon-noon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea. The local forecast till noon to-morrow is:—N.E. winds, Moderate; fine.

ferred for a certain number of years. While the principle was thought to be sound, its immediate enforcement would probably not be convenient to the general public and therefore the suggestion has been made that one-third of the unearned income go to the Government and that the rate be increased until the 100 per cent. rate can be enforced.

Serious Difficulties.

A heavy land-tax compels an owner either to increase the earning capacity of his property, or to wait for a good opportunity to sell it. If, however, a high unearned increment tax is collected, an owner will not find it worth while to sell his property, and the legislation almost forces him to increase its earning capacity.

If this principle is to be strictly followed, the Government should not then collect any tax on land-improvement enterprises. But a serious difficulty will immediately arise if the various local authorities are not allowed to collect house and shop taxes. The regular revenues of the local governments will be very much cut down. It is, therefore, proposed that only a very light tax, say one-half of one per cent, be collected on houses.

The Government may buy land for national defence or public utility purposes, but may not do so for commercial enterprise. The Government may compensate property-owners according to the registered values of their properties. Certain non-profit making organizations need not pay land taxes, including Government offices, schools, agricultural experiment stations, hospitals, public recreation grounds, and philanthropic institutions. The transfer of land ownership must receive due authorization from the Government.—Reuter.

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